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Saturday's Question

Is their any realistic way to prevent shoot-ings in school buildings?

39% 61%

Yes No

Today's question

Many feel Dec. 21 will be apocalyptic according to the Mayan calendar. Buch of bunk, right?

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NYES booked, needs volunteers

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

New Year's Eve Salem remains two weeks away, but the menu is set, the entertainers are booked and the tickets are available to purchase — now organizers just need some volunteers.

In its ninth year, the alcohol-free, family-focused event tends to fall together easier than in the first few years, which NYES coordinator David Schwartz attributes to the great six-member volunteer committee of coordinators working in different areas, including musicians, clerical and promotional people.

“Together, we just make a good group,” he said.

In a press release issued Sunday, he called the volunteers — the people who watch the entrances to the venues, sell and take tickets, hand out beads and answer questions — the backbone of New Year's Eve Salem.

All volunteers working two or more hours will receive a New Year's Eve Salem admission ticket good at all entertainment venues. People of all ages, couples and families can volunteer by calling the New Year's Eve Salem hotline at 330-817-6693 and leaving a

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SALEM



Ringing in 2013
Salem High School sophomore Ivy Koons, center, submitted the winning design to be used on New Year's Eve Salem posters this year, selected from many entries by high school art students. Pictured with Koons from left are, NYES coordinator and performer Bill Schilling, SHS art instructor Lisa Frederick, Koons, SHS junior Courtney Warneke with her runnerup entry and NYES coordinator and performer John Gilbert. Advance tickets are on sale now for New Year's Eve Salem for \$5 at all Salem area banks, Salem Giant Eagle, Salem Historical Society, Salem Community Center and Salem Chamber of Commerce. Learn more: www.newyearsevesalem.com. (Salem News photo by Mary Ann Greier)



Winning display
Wreaths, reindeer, Santa and lots of lights greet motorists at the home of Cliff and Sandy Mix, 1834 N. Lincoln Ave., the residence selected for the best Christmas lighting display (non-commercial) for the “Light Up the Night” contest. The contest was sponsored by the Salem Beautification Committee and the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce for homes and businesses in the Salem area, with the winners announced during Light Up Night last month. (Salem News photo by Mary Ann Greier)



President Barack Obama speaks during an interfaith vigil for the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting on Sunday at Newtown High School in Newtown, Conn. A gunman walked into Sandy Hook Elementary School Friday and opened fire, killing 26 people, including 20 children. (AP Photo)

Conn. gunman had hundreds of rounds of ammunition

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — The gunman in the Connecticut shooting rampage was carrying an arsenal of hundreds of rounds of especially deadly ammunition — enough to kill just about every student in the school if given enough time, authorities said Sunday, raising the chilling possibility that the bloodbath could have been far worse.

Adam Lanza shot himself in the head just as he heard police drawing near to the classroom where he was

slaughtering helpless children, but he had more ammunition at the ready in the form of multiple, high-capacity clips each capable of holding 30 bullets.

The disclosure on Sunday sent shudders throughout this picturesque New England community as grieving families sought to comfort each other during church services devoted to impossible questions like that of a 6-year-old girl who asked her mother: “The little children, are they with the angels?”

Hours later, President Barack Obama told mourners at a vigil that the nation is failing to keep its children safe. He pledged to seek change in memory of the 26 teachers and schoolchildren who were killed in the second-deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

“What choice do we have?” Obama said. “Are we really prepared to say that we’re powerless in the face of such carnage, that the

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COLUMBIANA

Official: Time limit should be imposed on all site plans

By KATIE SCHWENDEMAN
Staff Writer

COLUMBIANA — Plans are made and plans change, and when it comes to the latter the city should be able to move forward with something else, Planning Commission member Ron LaLonde said.

LaLonde said during last week's meeting that a six-month time limit should be imposed on all site plans approved by the commission.

“I don't think that we should let it go so that it is forever ... because that could be never,” he said.

He explained that sometimes, for whatever reason, a business owner intending to start up or make changes to an already existing business in the city doesn't follow through.

Commission member Richard McBane agreed, noting that at one time the commission had approved a site plan for a hot dog stand/building at a location where the city later installed electric transformers because the hot dog building was never constructed.

“We had several where we approved (a site plan) and sometime later someone else came in with a totally different site plan” for the same location, he said.

LaLonde said the time limits will allow the city to move forward with different plans for a location, should a previously approved plan not follow through to completion. He suggested that if nothing is done with a property within six months it be made available for someone or something else.

McBane said he doesn't necessarily think the original site plan should be off the table if nothing is done within six months. He feels the business owner should be able to explain why nothing has happened and request more time if necessary.

“If six months pass it shouldn't totally negate it, but the person would need to come back again and request it,” he said.

Commission member Donna Bekar agreed, while commission member David Spatholt said a time limit is a good idea, but wasn't sure six months was “good” since weather could play a part in delaying plans.

“I think it's a good idea we look at that,” he said.

He also agreed with LaLonde's suggestion that Municipal Attorney Daniel Blasdel and members of council weigh in on the matter.

LaLonde also suggested consideration be given to time limits on zoning variances since properties and

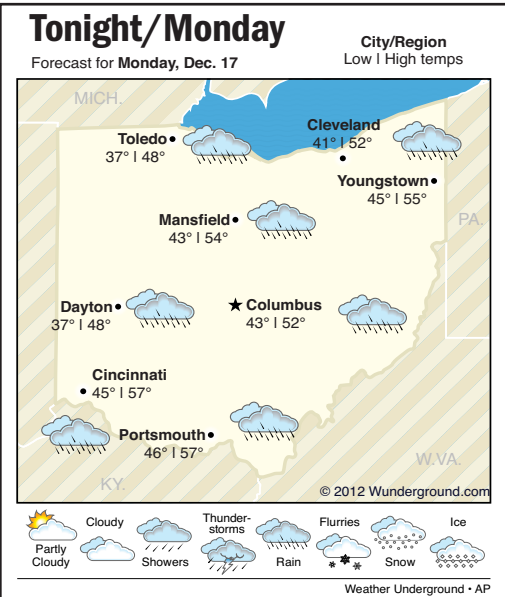
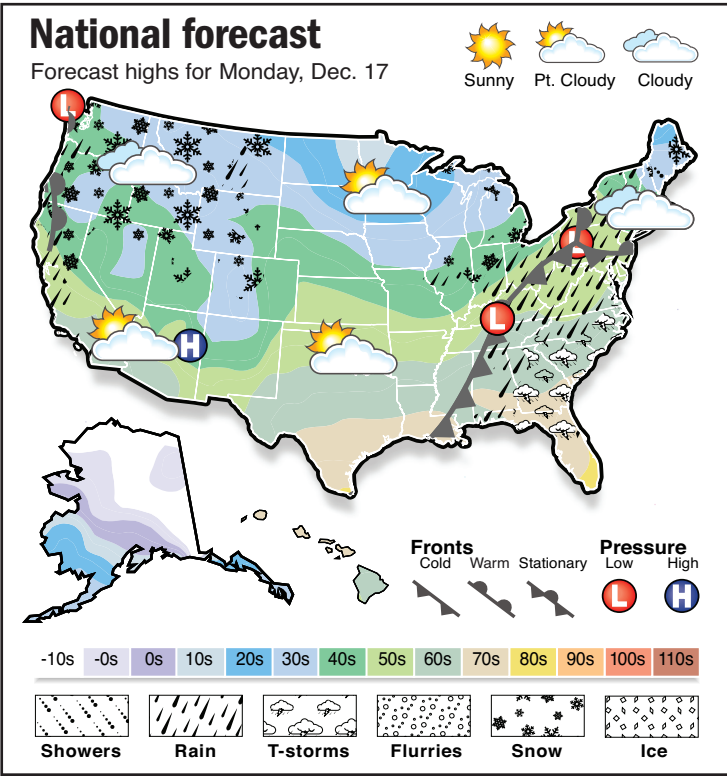
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WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today... Cloudy. Showers likely...Mainly in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 50s. Southwest winds around 5 mph. Chance of rain 70 percent. Tonight...Rain and snow showers likely. Little or no snow accumulation. Lows in the upper 30s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent. Tuesday...Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Little or no snow accumulation. Much cooler with highs around 40. West winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 50 percent. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow showers. Lows around 30. Wednesday...Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Thursday...Rain likely. Highs in the upper 40s. Chance of rain 70 percent. Thursday night...Cloudy with a chance of snow and rain showers. Lows in the upper 20s. Chance of precipitation 50 percent. Friday...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Breezy and cooler. Near steady temperature in the lower 30s. Friday night...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Lows in the lower 20s. Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s.

CLEVELAND: Today... Cloudy. Showers likely in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 50s. Southwest winds around 5 mph...Becoming east in the afternoon. Chance of rain 70 percent. Monday night...Showers likely with a chance of snow showers. Little or no snow accumulation. Lows in the upper 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent. Tuesday...Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Little or no snow accumulation. Cooler. Near steady temperature in the upper 30s.

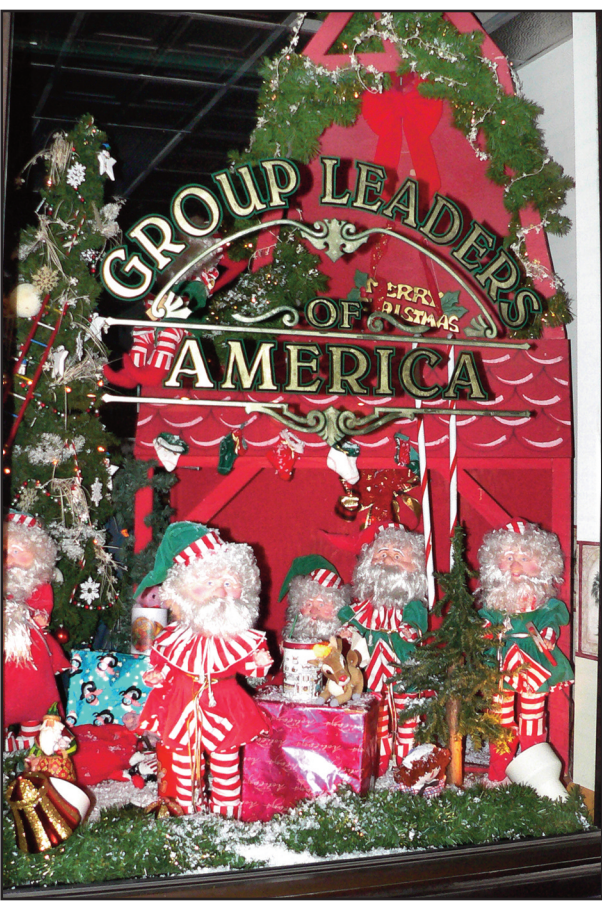


Extended Forecast

Today 55/38	Tuesday 40/30	Wednesday 42/32	Thursday 48/28
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On Dec. 17, 1992, President George H.W. Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari signed the North American Free Trade Agreement in separate ceremonies. (After approval by the legislative bodies of the leaders' respective countries, the treaty came into force on Jan. 1, 1994.) In 1777, France recognized American independence. In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia. In 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the first successful manned powered-airplane flights near Kitty Hawk, N.C., using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer. In 1961, an arson fire at a circus in Niteroi (nee-tuh-ROY), Brazil, killed 323 people. In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford.



Best holiday display
Group Leaders of America, 460 E. State St., Salem, was chosen as the business with the best holiday display for these windows featuring Santa's elves and reindeer. The "Light Up the Night" contest was sponsored for homes and businesses in the Salem area by the Salem Beautification Committee and the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce. (Salem News photos by Mary Ann Greier)



Giving to others
Sterling House residents, family members and staff collected 258 food items during the assisted living facility's Christmas party last week to donate to the Salem Community Pantry. A Brookdale Senior Living Community, Sterling House residents find ways to contribute to the local community through the Good Deeds program, with the food drive an example of one of those ways. This was the second year for the food drive, with last's donation topped by this year's effort. Residents shown with the donations are seated from left, Helen Medieros and Louis Detwiler, and standing from left, June Williams, Sterling House Executive Director Melanie Thirion, Bert Dailey, Gene Manchester, Rosemary Stambaugh and Arline Barnett. (Salem News photo by Mary Ann Greier)

NYES FROM 1A

message with their name, phone number and number of people volunteering.

Someone will call back about the orientation meeting set for Dec. 30 at the Salem Chamber of Commerce meeting room, with entry through the door off of the alley beside the building.

New Year's Eve Salem includes six different venues covering rock-n-roll, gospel, bluegrass, country and folk music, children's entertainment with a magician, a ventriloquist, and a singer, and venues with a model train display and a historical display. Food offerings will include pizza at every site, a hot dog bar and kielbasa and a turkey dinner.

The Kent State University City Center will have rock 'n' roll, the Salem Masonic Temple will feature bluegrass and country, the Church of Our Saviour (Episcopal) will offer old-fashioned gospel, all starting at 6 p.m. and the Memorial Building will offer the children's venue beginning at 5:30 p.m. Beginning at 8:30 p.m., the red room on the third floor of the Memorial Building will feature folk music.

Train enthusiasts can visit the Sugartree Alley Railroad Depot at the rear of Fred Naragon's law office to see the model train display from 6 to 10 p.m. History buffs will have the opportunity to see Music and Toys of the Baby Boomers at the new Dale Shaffer Research Library off of South Lundy Avenue from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

New entertainment this year will include local popular country/rock artist Zach Paxson at the Masonic Temple, the Loving God Gospel

Quartet at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior and ventriloquist Daniel Jay at the Memorial Building.

Robert Zelenek, an 86-year-old World War II veteran from the area, will play guitar and sing during Abbey Road's first set at the KSU City Center.

Return acts who weren't involved last year include Salem's Ted Thorne at the gospel venue and Jason Alan with his magic show at the Memorial Building.

The rest of the lineups include: the Sugartree Alley steel drum band, Abbey Road and the Tribute Band at the KSU City Center; Al-legheny Drifters and the Stockdale Family Band at the Masonic Temple; God's Quad and Bill Schilling & Linda Sigismondi at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior; and Chip Richter and The Chip Munks Band at the children's venue in the Memorial Building. Schilling and Sigismondi and Dulci-More will perform folk music in the red room at the Memorial Building.

A grand finale featuring performers from the various venues, a balloon drop and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" will take place at the KSU City Center beginning at 11 p.m. and ending after midnight.

Tickets for New Year's Eve Salem cost \$5 for advance tickets or \$8 for tickets sold after Christmas or at the door. All children under 10 years of age are free with a paid adult accompanying them.

Tickets can be purchased at Salem Giant Eagle, Salem Community Center, all Salem banks, Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Salem Historical Society.

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Ohio campus off to good start in Middletown

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (AP) — The new Cincinnati State college campus in Middletown is off to a good start in enrollment, and leaders of the southwest Ohio city are also pleased.

More than 350 students are enrolled for courses that include in-class, online and combined classes this fall. There have been 212 new full-time students, topping a first-year goal of 200. And applications for spring se-

mester have been running strong, with applications also already coming in for summer and fall 2013.

City leaders are pleased about the impact the campus is having on its downtown. Buildings are being renovated, and the students and staff are adding economic activity and leading to more development, The Middletown Journal reported.

"We're seeing a heck of a lot more activity downtown than we had two or three years ago," said Dan Picard, vice mayor of the city between Cincinnati and Dayton along Interstate 75. "The growth is continuing, and I see nothing but good things happening in our future."

Cincinnati State Middletown opened Aug. 29, with project help from Boston-based Higher Education Partners. The Cincinnati State Technical & Community College is already expressing interest in more expansion in Middletown. The school will receive from the county the former Butler County Workforce One office, and is interested in obtaining a former bank building.

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DEATHS

Donald R. Peppel

COLUMBIANA — Donald R. Peppel, 77, died at 4:20 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012 at his home surrounded by his family, following a long illness.

Mr. Peppel was born Feb. 2, 1935 in Fairfield Township, a son of Rollie and Rita Reash Peppel and had lived in this area all of his life. Donald owned and operated Peppel Milk Transport and was a member of Zion Hill Church of the Brethren.

He is survived by his wife, the former Joann Catherine Little; three daughters, Debra (Lars) Skotte of Cowan, Tenn., Donna (Mark) Nash of Macon, Ga. and Deanne “DJ” (Ronald) Gesaman of Huntsville, Ala.; a son, David “Pete” Peppel of Greenford; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Wayne Peppel, two sisters, Leora Brathuhn and Winifred Gorby, and two brothers, Paul and Blair Peppel.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, 2012 at the Zion Hill Church of the Brethren, Columbiana, with Reverend John Bartholomew officiating. Burial will follow in Columbiana Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012 at the Warrick-Kummer-Rettig Funeral Home, Columbiana, and 10-11a.m. Friday at the church.

Material tributes in Donald’s memory may be made to Wounded Warriors, c/o USO, P.O. Box 96322, Washington, D.C. 20090-6322.

Sign the guest register and send condolences to the family at www.familycareservices.com.

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(Paid obituary)

Pamela Jean Lewis

HANOVERTON — Pamela Jean Lewis, 46, of Hanoverton, died Saturday at her residence.

Born Jan. 27, 1967 in Salem, Ohio, she was the daughter of Cleo and Mary Jan (Ford) Smalley and lived all of her life in the Hanoverton area.

Pam was a member of the Kensington Christian Church and graduated from United Local in 1985.

Besides her parents, survivors include a daughter, Chantel Jane Faulkner of the home; a son, Tyler Paul Lewis, also of the home; and three brothers, Michael Custer Sr., Leonard Custer and Raymond Smalley, all of Hanoverton.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Kensington Christian Church with Pastor Lloyd Campbell officiating. Calling hours will be held one hour before the time of the service at the Kensington Christian Church.

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Harriet Crabtree Adamson

EAST LIVERPOOL — Harriet Crabtree Adamson, 94, formerly of Maplewood Avenue, died Saturday at the Stone Pear Pavilion.

Born April 5, 1918 in East Liverpool, she was a daughter of the late David and Bertha Cross Crabtree.

A lifetime area resident, she was employed at Hall China and retired from the Homer Laughlin China Co. She was a 1938 graduate of East Liverpool High School and a member of the ELHS Olde Guard Alumni Association, Triangle Seniors, a cub scout den mother, band booster parent, Special Olympics volunteer, 2007 Pottery Festival Senior Citizens Queen. She was a member of the First Church of Christ (Disciples) where she was a Deaconess and active in its quilting club. She was also a member of VFW Post 66.

She was a World War II Army veteran, obtaining the rank of sergeant in the WAAC (Women's Auxiliary Army Corps), and serving in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre in New Guinea. While serving, she earned the Victory medal, American and Pacific Theatre Ribbons, as well as, one Bronze Battle Star, two overseas bars and the Good Conduct Medal.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert D. Adamson, whom she married Oct. 27, 1950.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Russell and husband Glenn of Pittsburgh and Janet Adamson and partner Kim Davidson of Orlando, Fla.; two sons, David and wife Margaret Adamson of Hamilton, Ohio, and Ed and wife Sandy Adamson of East Liverpool; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Dawson Funeral Home with Rev. Willard Chuck Adkins officiating. Burial will be at Columbiana County Memorial Park where the Tri-State Veterans Burial Group will conduct full military honors.

Following the service, family and friends will gather at the First Church of Christ (Disciples), 400 College St., East Liverpool.

Friends may call Tuesday afternoon and evening at the funeral home, with the family present from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

View Harriet's memorial webpage and send condolences online at www.dawsonfuneralhome.com.

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WHIPKEY, MARIAN THEISS (94)
Memorial Service: Friday, Dec. 28, 11 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

PATTERSON, JOHN W. (81)
Memorial Service at a later date

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POLICE

SALEM REPORTS

— An officer on patrol at 2:42 a.m. Sunday saw a man attempting to gain entry into a vehicle parked on the street in front of the Salem Club on South Broadway Avenue. The man was confirmed as the owner and the officer helped him gain entry.

— Chad D. Raymond, of 110 W. Pershing St., was cited for excessive loud music after police were called at 1:02 a.m. Sunday for a loud music complaint on West Pershing Street. Police could hear the music two houses away and had to knock extremely hard three times before the tenant answered the door at the apartment. He had been warned for loud music on Dec. 11. He refused to sign the minor misdemeanor citation and was told to appear in court on Dec. 20.

— A representative of the emergency department at Salem Community Hospital called at 12:05 a.m. Sunday to request officers attempt to locate a male patient who left the hospital with an I.V. still in his arm. Police located the man at his home and he provided his discharge papers and showed both his arms, with no I.V. or any medical items on him. He said he was discharged and left after being released. A female at the residence said a woman from the hospital removed the I.V. from his arm just before he left. An officer left a message for the emergency department about his findings.

— Samuel P. Scanlon, of 228 Vine Ave. #16, was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after police were called for a possible fight in the 200 block of Vine Avenue at 9:44 p.m. Saturday. While speaking to all involved, one male (identified later as Scanlon) began to get belligerent with officers and began to yell obscenities and allegedly create a disturbance. He began to kick items from his residence at officers and was told several times to stop and refused. The report said officers attempted to place him in custody and he began to fight with them. Scanlon was placed under arrest and taken to the Columbiana County jail.

— Teresa Cassinger, of 609 E. Fourth St., -B, was charged with domestic violence after police responded to the 600 block of East Fourth Street for reported fight at 8:56 p.m. Saturday. A man was found bleeding from his head and said he was involved in a verbal dispute with his live-in girlfriend that escalated into her throwing items. First responders and ambulance personnel were called to the scene, but he refused transport to the hospital for his injury. Cassinger was taken to the Columbiana County jail.

— A woman in the 300 block of Fair Avenue called at 4:09 p.m. Saturday to report receiving

numerous unwanted calls from a known female. An attempt will be made to contact the other woman and tell her to cease all contact.

LISBON REPORTS

— Teresa Brown, East Palestine, reported at 3:45 p.m. Friday that while at Save-A-Lot in Lisbon a friend of her ex-husband and two other women approached her and made threats that they were going to beat her up.

— Lora Carroci, North Jefferson Street, reported at 8 p.m. Friday someone was knocking on her door every few minutes and when she checked the door no one was there.

— At 9:38 p.m. Friday someone reported a person was driving recklessly in the area of Jerome and North Market Streets.

— James Shaffer, South Beaver Street, reported at 10:30 p.m. Saturday someone was setting off fireworks near his home, possibly against the side of his house.

— Ed Pettigrew, Pritchard Avenue, reported at 1:40 a.m. Sunday three kids were running around the area setting off fireworks. Police checked the area but did not see the kids.

— Police responded to a burglar alarm at a Lee Avenue home at 1:46 a.m. Sunday and spoke with the homeowner who advised nothing appeared to be missing.

SHERIFF

— Greg Warrick, state Route 45, Lisbon, reported at 12:30 p.m. Saturday he found two boxes of nine millimeter ammo, a wrench and some drill bits while out hunting on his property.

— A deputy went to a Roller Coaster Road, Lisbon, home at 1 p.m. Sunday for a report of domestic violence. At the home Alec Zapalata said that her boyfriend Jan Farley had hit her in the back and was upset with her due to her not letting him leave and walk to Alliance. Farley told the deputy “nothing was going on” and Zapalata refused to press criminal charges against him.

— Kendra Chestnut, Depot Road, Lisbon, reported at 1:17 p.m. Sunday her ex-boyfriend’s girlfriend Brandi Cope was calling her and texting her threats and arrogant messages. A deputy attempted to contact Cope to tell her to stop but did not reach her.

— Joseph Kee, Rochester Road, East Rochester, reported at 2:51 p.m. Sunday he and his Nichole Phillis are splitting up. She had taken most of her property out of his house and had made arrangements for her to get the rest of her property later but when he came home he found his door “busted” and property missing from the home. A deputy spoke with Phillis who admitted to damaging the door but said that she did so because Kee refused to let her retrieve the items. The deputy told them to make arrangements to get all the property at one time so there were no further problems.

— Devan Barnhart, Adele Avenue, Canton, reported at 12:35 p.m. Saturday he and his live-in girlfriend split up and he wants to get his belong-

ings back but she would not allow him into the Gavers Road home. A deputy spoke with the woman’s mother who said that Barnhart could gather his belongings.

— Brandy Brothers, Rose Drive, Lisbon, reported at 3:54 p.m. Sunday someone had used her child support debit card through a PayPal account and purchased items from Starbucks.

— Bryan Brownfield, Saltwell Road, Lisbon, reported at 1 p.m. Saturday someone made unauthorized purchases on his bank account.

— Amy Custer, Depot Road, Lisbon, reported at 1:18 p.m. Saturday her juvenile son was being unruly and had pushed her and her sister. A deputy warned the boy of the consequences of domestic violence and he said there would be no further problems.

HIGHWAY PATROL

— Justin Paul Breining Ryser, 21, Seacrest Road, Salem, was backing out of a parking space at the Kent State Salem faculty parking lot at noon Dec. 5 and struck another vehicle.

— Stephen J. Sosack, 48, County Road 53, Irondale, and another vehicle

were southbound on state Route 154 in Elkrun Township at 4:24 p.m. Saturday. Sosack slowed to turn onto Middle Beaver Road and the other vehicle attempted to pass in a no passing zone, hit his vehicle and fled.

Extra hours for concealed-weapon applications ending

By TOM GIAMBRONI
Staff Writer

LISBON — The practice of scheduling a deputy to work set hours Wednesdays and Saturdays to accommodate concealed-weapon permit applicants is being discontinued starting in January because of a compensation issue raised by a county sheriff’s deputy.

Columbiana County Sheriff Ray Stone said an issued raised in a grievance filed by a deputy, who wanted compensated with time off instead of overtime pay for working the extra hours, would make it more difficult administratively for him to continue the practice, which is why he decided to end it.

Earlier this year, Stone began paying an off-duty deputy overtime to be at the main office for four hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays to complete the application process for those seeking a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Applicants must first fill out the necessary paperwork at the courthouse office before going to the main office located outside of town, where they are fingerprinted and undergo a criminal background check.

Stone said he implemented the assigned hours as a convenience to applicants and as way to bring more order to the process, and it has proven popular with the public. The portion of the permit fee retained by

the county is used to pay the overtime of the deputies who volunteer to work the extra detail.

The deputy who worked the Nov. 24 permit detail later requested he be compensated with time off instead of being paid overtime, which deputies have the option to do under their contract. Although the request was initially denied, Stone said they changed their mind rather than fight it.

Compensatory time off, or comp time, can be accumulated for years before being used, which Stone said would create a “bookkeeping nightmare” by forcing his staff to keep track of comp time separately from other comp time because the con-

Salem women arrested for part in alleged on-line prostitution ring

ALLIANCE — Two Salem women have been arrested by Alliance police in connection with an alleged on-line prostitution ring in the city.

According to the Alliance Review, Deborah Sue Lapin, 45, of East Fourth Street, and Nicole Marie Polley, 23, of Southeast Boulevard, were arrested Wednesday at a local hotel.

Both are charged with soliciting and possessing criminal tools, the latter for allegedly using a cell phone in the transaction.

The (Alliance) Review said an undercover officer responded to an ad on backpage.com and later met both women in the hotel, where each allegedly offered sexual acts in exchange for cash.

After the two were arrested, the Review said, po-

lice found heroin in Polley’s car, resulting in a possession of heroin charge against her.

Polley was arraigned Friday in Alliance Municipal Court. Lapin, who is to be arraigned today, is on probation for an OVI charge in Columbiana County, the Review said, and has a probation violation hearing in county Municipal Court on Jan. 15.



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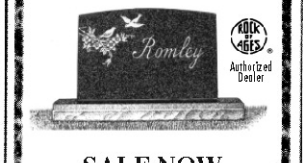
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OUR SIDE

Sadly, there is no guarantee that it won't happen again

As our children become aware of the horror that struck a Connecticut elementary school Friday, many, especially the younger ones, will need to be comforted. Many will want assurances what happened there cannot occur here.

Sadly, we adults know the answer to that. The evil that spurs a human being to do what was done to innocent little children Friday is both vicious and devilishly cunning. There is no guarantee it can be prevented.

No doubt educators throughout Columbiana and Mahoning counties, like their peers elsewhere, are wondering today if there is more that can be done to safeguard the children in their — and our — schools. Certainly, such second-guessing of security measures is wise. It should be an ongoing exercise.

Much already is being done to keep evil-doers out of our schools and to cope with them if they manage to get in. Some schools have sophisticated security measures and equipment. Some have resource officers - armed police and sheriff's deputies assigned to patrol within schools. Law enforcement agencies throughout the region work closely with educators, helping them identify security weaknesses and devising plans to deal with trouble if it occurs.

As we have noted many times in the past, resource officers are among the most effective shields against violence in schools, for reasons going far beyond their presence as armed guards. Because of their relationships with students and faculty, they sometimes can head off trouble before violence breaks out.

But the key to saving lives in situations such as what happened in Connecticut is not attempting to keep evil out of schools. Again, that simply cannot be ensured.

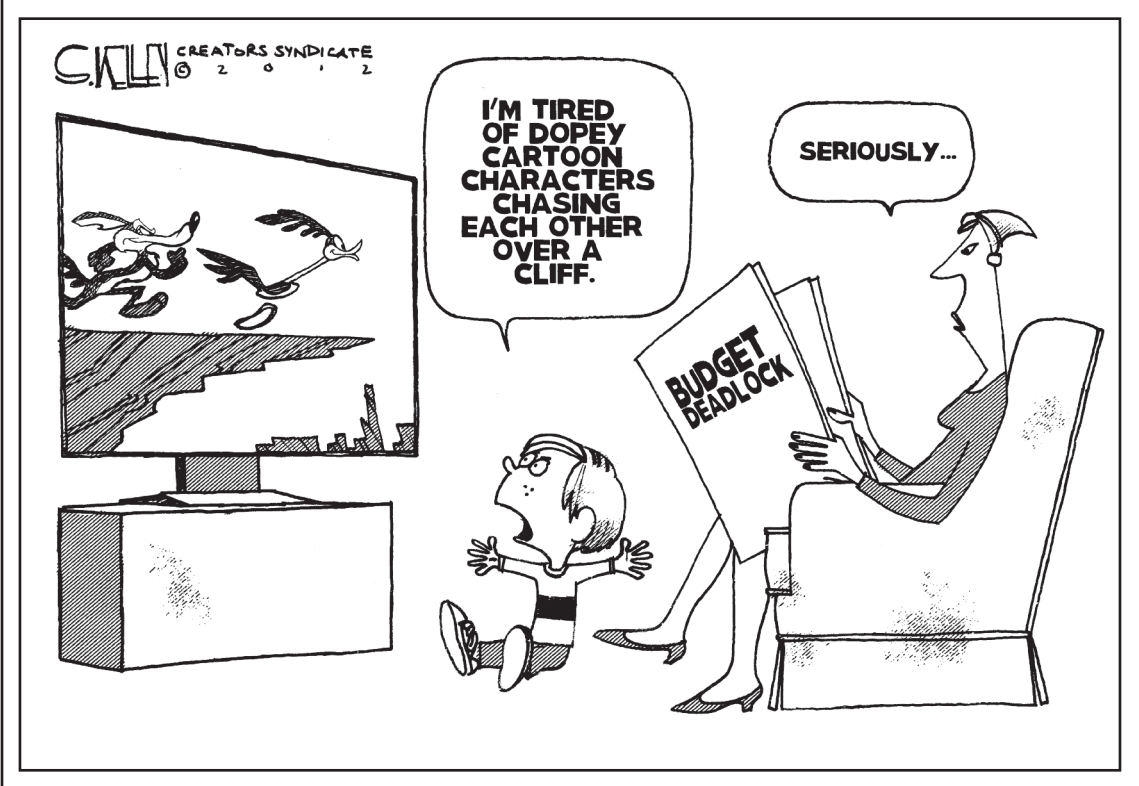
Already, we know of actions taken by staff at the Newtown, Conn., school that, beyond any doubt, saved the lives of some children. And stories of heroism by a few students are emerging.

Many teachers and other school staff members in our area have been trained in what to do in such horrific situations. Some have not, however, and all could benefit from regular re-training to keep their self-defense skills sharp.

Children, too, should be educated in how to react to violence, whether it be a bully in the halls or a gunman. Parents are the best judges of how to handle that, and at what age it is appropriate.

The possibility such skills will have to be used is extremely remote. Our children and their teachers are more likely to be struck by lightning than to be caught in a murderous assault in their schools. But if it does occur, being ready may save lives.

Again, parents will have to think about that and decide what is appropriate to tell their children. But school officials should be reviewing whether their security plans are realistic, and if not, what needs to be done to make them so.



Crashing federal hypocrisy on marijuana



FROMA HARROP

Ah, the great American West, where man can generally breathe free and also inhale — woman, too. Thank you, thank you, voters in Colorado and Washington state, for legalizing marijuana. But will Washington, D.C., leave you alone? Attorney General Eric Holder said this week that the Justice Department will weigh its response to the state referenda.

A new national poll finds 58 percent of Americans in favor of making marijuana legal and only 39 percent against. A raft of other state laws easing the prohibition on pot and growing public contempt for the existing law should be enough to change the policy. And so should a basic sense of decency.

We persecute ordinary Americans for using an illegal drug smoked by the last three inhabitants of the White House. President Obama admitted — and George W. Bush all but admitted — to having experimented (don't you love the word "experimented"?) not only with pot, but with cocaine.

Courts rarely inflict heavy prison terms on users of marijuana these days. Tony Ryan, a retired lieutenant from the Denver Police Department, told me, "but it's still a drug arrest, so if you're 18 years and older, it goes on your record." That means you may not be able to get a job at a steel plant, join the Navy, obtain a student loan or keep your child in a custody battle. But wide knowledge that you smoked pot is apparently not enough to stop you from becoming commander in chief of the United States Armed Forces.

Ryan is on the board of a group called Law Enforcement Against Prohibition — former police and other law officers calling for the end to the War on Drugs. A Denver cop for 36 years, he's intrigued at what the Obama administration will do next. In Colorado, the feds decided to mostly leave medical marijuana alone. But to flex their muscles, they started picking on med-

ical marijuana dispensaries within 1,000 feet of schools.

"I said, OK, what high school student is going to go to convince a doctor under threat of losing his license that he is ill and needs to have medical marijuana," Ryan commented, "when he can just walk down the halls of the school and get whatever he wants?"

In 2008, candidate Obama said he would not use Justice Department resources to frustrate state laws allowing medical marijuana. But President Obama did just that, even letting attorneys general threaten government employees at state-run medical marijuana facilities.

Ignoring the scientific evidence, the feds deem marijuana a dangerous substance that allegedly acts as a "gateway" to harder drugs. The political reality is that legalizing marijuana is a gateway to ending the ludicrous War on Drugs — a \$40 billion-a-year failure off which many Americans find employment. Last year, 80 percent of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's seizures were of marijuana. If marijuana were legalized, what would those agents, lawyers, judges and prison guards keeping us safe from marijuana do? Oddly, liberal Democrats seem more afraid of letting go of the ban on marijuana than libertarian Republicans and even some social conservatives. (Evangelist Pat Robertson says it ruins the lives of too many young people.) In the Colorado vote, former Rep. Tom Tancredo, a hard-right Republican, supported the constitutional amendment regulating marijuana like alcohol, and Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper opposed it. To his credit, Hickenlooper subsequently declared the amendment official and put a legalization advocate on the committee setting up a regulatory process. The successful ballot measures in Colorado and Washington give the Obama administration another opportunity to find its bearings and stop throwing billions down the hole of marijuana prohibition. That money could be put elsewhere, so we're told.

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OTHER VOICES

Dec. 3
*The Albany (Ga.) Herald on
GOP political direction:*

Finding a spokesman for the Republican Party right now is reminiscent of the "Who's on First?" routine made famous by Abbott and Costello.

While the GOP more or less had Mitt Romney warming up in the bullpen when Sen. John McCain lost the 2008 presidential race, there doesn't seem to be anyone ready to bring in to relieve Romney, who's walked off the mound and gone to the showers.

Ordinarily, this wouldn't be that big of a deal. But with Medicaid payments to doctors facing cuts, taxpayers looking at the paycheck whammy of reverting to the higher pre-George W. Bush administration income tax rates and the clumsy fiscal cleaver known as sequestration seeming more and more possible next month, somebody needs to get out there and pitch whatever ideas Republicans have for dealing with these issues.

Clearly President Barack Obama is dealing for the

Democratic side, and the lack of a counterpart across the aisle is making negotiations on critical aspects of government difficult. With the GOP in charge of the House and having the ability to filibuster in the Senate, there has to be some meeting of the minds between the two parties.

From appearances, Republican higher-ups are still reeling from an election that has dumfounded them, a loss when they were certain they had it in the win column. And the fractures that helped create that loss for the GOP, Āi hardliners vs. moderates, Āi are showing little evidence of healing.

The fact is that the art of compromise has disappeared as hardliners on the left have gained influence in the Democratic Party and their counterparts on the right have pulled the GOP in their direction. ... Republicans, however, have a two-fold problem. They will have to find compromise solutions with Democrats, but first they have to find compromises — and a direction — within their own party. ...

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Government spying on 'foreign' agents out of control



ANDREW NAPOLITANO

After President Richard Nixon was forced from office in 1974, congressional investigators discovered what they believed was the full extent of his use of the FBI and the CIA to engage in domestic spying. In that pre-digital era, the spying consisted of listening to telephone calls, opening mail, and using undercover agents to infiltrate political organizations and, as we know, break into their offices. Nixon claimed he did this for the protection of national security. He also claimed he was entitled to break the law and violate the Constitution. "If the president does it, that means that it's not illegal," he once famously said.

Since no one was prosecuted on the basis of data stolen or retrieved by his spies, the courts rarely encountered this behavior and never had to rule on it, and thus it went largely unchecked. A few victims challenged the spying, but the Supreme Court ruled that without palpable harm, the challengers lacked the legal ability to complain in court — what judges call "standing."

But many Americans did complain to Congress, which in 1978 enacted the Foreign

Intelligence Surveillance Act, commonly called FISA. FISA provided that all domestic surveillance be subject to the search warrant requirement of the Fourth Amendment, except for spying on foreign agents operating in the U.S. For those cases, FISA established a secret federal court that has been authorized to issue search warrants to spy on foreign agents.

The constitutional standard for all search warrants is probable cause of *crime*. FISA, however, established a new, different and lesser standard — thus unconstitutional on its face since Congress is bound by, and cannot change, the Constitution — of probable cause of *status*. The status was that of an agent of a foreign power. So, under FISA, the feds needed to demonstrate to a secret court only that a non-American physically present in the U.S., perhaps under the guise of a student, diplomat or embassy janitor, was really an agent of a foreign power, and the demonstration of that agency alone was sufficient to authorize a search warrant to listen to the agent's telephone calls or read his mail.

Over time, the requirement of status as a foreign agent was modified to status as a foreign person. This, of course, was an even lesser standard and one rarely rejected by the FISA court. In fact, that court has rarely rejected anything, having granted search warrants in well over 97 percent of applications. This is hardly harmless, as foreign persons in the U.S. are frequently talking to Americans in the U.S. Thus, not only did

FISA violate the privacy rights of foreigners (the Fourth Amendment protects "people," not just Americans); it violated the rights of those with whom they were communicating, American or non-American.

It gets worse. The Patriot Act, which was enacted in 2001 and permits federal agents to write their own search warrants in violation of the Fourth Amendment, actually amended FISA so as to do away with the FISA-issued search warrant requirement when the foreign person is outside the U.S. This means that if you email or call your cousin in Europe or a business colleague in Asia, the feds are reading or listening, without a warrant, without suspicion, without records and without evidence of anything unlawful.

The Patriot Act amendments to FISA also permit the feds to use anything they see or hear while spying in a federal court. The amended FISA statute permitting these warrantless searches of emails, telephone calls and postal mail expires at the end of this month. Last month, the House quietly voted to extend this dreadful authority for another five years, and in the next week, the Senate will consider doing the same.

What's wrong with Congress?

FISA gives the government unchecked authority to snoop on all Americans who communicate with any foreign person, in direct contravention of the Fourth Amendment. The right to privacy is a natural human right. Its enshrinement in the Constitution

has largely kept America from becoming East Germany. Moreover, everyone in Congress has taken an oath to uphold the Constitution, which could not be more clear: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects..." shall not be violated, except via a warrant issued by a neutral judge upon the judge finding probable cause of crime. If we let Congress, which is a creature of the Constitution, change the Constitution, then no one's liberty or property is safe, and freedom is dependent upon the political needs of those in power.

The president and the leadership of both political parties in both houses of Congress have abandoned their oaths to uphold the Constitution. They have claimed that foreigners and their American communicants are committed to destroying the country and only the invasion of everyone's right to privacy will keep us safe. They are violating the privacy of us all to find the communications of a few. Who will keep us safe from them? Their behavior is committed to destroying the Constitution.

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Schools increase security after massacre

MIAMI (AP) — Schools around the country are reviewing security plans, adding extra law enforcement patrols and readying counselors for the first day of classes since a shooting massacre at an elementary school in Connecticut.

Districts from Alabama to Arizona and Florida to New England were asking local law enforcement to increase patrols on Monday. School officials in some areas sent messages to parents addressing security or stressing that they have safety plans that are regularly tested. While some officials refuse to discuss plans in detail, it was clear that vigilance will be high this week at schools around the country.

Additional police patrols are planned this week in northern Virginia around the Fairfax County Public Schools, which is the largest school system in the Washington area with 181,000 students. Counselors will also be available at all schools.

"This is not in response to any specific threat but rather a police initiative to enhance safety and security around the schools and to help alleviate the understandably high levels of anxiety," Superintendent Jack Dale said Sunday.

Those sentiments were echoed to the South in Florida's Hillsborough Co., where Sheriff's office spokesman Larry McKinnon said unmarked and marked cars will patrol the schools along with deputies in plain clothes. He wouldn't say how many extra officers will be involved.

The additional patrols will supplement deputies already assigned to every high school and junior high school in the area to ease the fears of parents "who may feel uneasy about sending their children to school." The county's public school system in the Tampa area includes around 195,000 students.

The precautions come after a gunman shot his way into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., on Friday and killed 26 people before shooting himself. The dead include 20 children ages 6 and 7.

Aside from their students' physical safety, administrators were also concerned about the psychological toll of the shootings. In Maryland's suburbs outside Washington, Montgomery County Public Schools will have counselors available at each school Monday to support the system's 149,000 students. Chief of Staff Brian Edwards said officials posted advice online from the National Association of School Psychologists on Friday to help parents talk about acts of violence.

"Obviously, this is a very difficult situation that all school communities are dealing with and the entire nation is dealing with," Edwards said, adding that the system doesn't discuss security procedures. "You can't change what occurred, but you try to do the best you can to help families cope."

In Tucson, Ariz., where a January 2011 mass shooting killed six and wounded U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and 12 others, the largest school district increased security after Friday's shooting. Tucson Unified School District spokeswoman Cara Rene said Sunday that the district was participating in a memorial being held at one of its schools on Sunday evening, with Gifford's replacement, Rep. Ron Barber, a featured speaker along with Superintendent John Pedicone. Barber was with Giffords at the constituent meet-and-greet and was among the wounded. Rene said planning was under

way to help teachers and students with grief and fear issues when school resumes Monday, and the district was working with Tucson police on security issues.

At Deer Valley Unified School District in suburban Phoenix, one of the state's largest, a spokeswoman said teachers were given direction on how to answer students' questions and a message to parents was posted on the district's website emphasizing the district's security policies. Spokeswoman Heidi Vega said no extra security or counseling was planned.

Officials in South Carolina's largest school district sent a note to parents Friday ensuring they have safety plans that are regularly tested for a number of possible events.

Officials refused to details their plans, saying that would threaten the safety of its more than 70,000 students. Just last week, before the school shooting in Connecticut, Greenville County schools Superintendent W. Burke Royster said the school system met with members from every law enforcement agency in the county to review what to do in an emergency, and make sure they can all communi-

cate. The meetings take place frequently, and the next round will likely involve any lessons that can be taken from the latest school shooting.

"While all of us work diligently to prevent this type of tragedy and to prepare an effective response to all manner of possible events, we do so in the hope that our plans will never have to be utilized," Royster wrote in his note.

Milton Kuykendall, the superintendent of the Desoto County School District, the biggest in Mississippi with 32,769 students, said he called for an evaluation of his schools' security policies and procedures immediately after the shootings in Connecticut.

Kuykendall said the district already evaluates the schools' security every year, but he decided to start that process now rather than waiting until later in the school year.

He also plans on Monday to remind principals throughout the district to be "on high alert." Students begin Christmas break on Wednesday.

"We're going to do whatever it takes to keep our students safe," Kuykendall said.

Staffers hailed as heroes after Conn. shooting

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — A worker who turned on the intercom, alerting others in the building that something was very wrong. A custodian who risked his life by running through the halls warning of danger. A clerk who led 18 children on their hands and knees to safety, then gave them paper and crayons to keep them calm and quiet.

Out of the ruins of families that lost a precious child, sister or mother, out of a tight-knit town roiling with grief, glows one bright spot: the stories of staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School who may have prevented further carnage through selfless actions and smart snap judgments.

District Superintendent Janet Robinson noted "incredible acts of heroism" that "ultimately saved so many lives."

"The teachers were really, really focused on their students," she told reporters Saturday.

Some of them made the ultimate sacrifice.

After gunman Adam Lanza broke through the school door, gun blazing, school psychologist Mary Sherlach and principal Dawn Hochsprung ran toward him, Robinson said. Hochsprung died while lunging at the gunman, officials said.

The 56-year-old Sherlach, who would have been tasked with helping survivors cope

with the tragedy, died doing what she loved, her son-in-law, Eric Schwartz, said.

"Mary felt like she was doing God's work," he said, "working with the children."

Just this past October, Hochsprung had tweeted a picture of the school's evacuation drill with the message "Safety first."

Victoria Soto, a 27-year-old teacher, reportedly hid some students in a bathroom or closet and died trying to shield them from bullets, a cousin, Jim Wilt-sie, told ABC News. Those who knew Soto said they weren't surprised.

"You have a teacher who cared more about her students than herself," said John Harkins, mayor of Stratford, Soto's hometown.

"That speaks volumes to her character, and her commitment and dedication."

In other cases, staffers both saved students and managed to escape with their own lives.

Teacher Theodore Varga said that as gunfire echoed through the school, a custodian ran around, warning people. He appears to have survived; all the adults killed were women.

"He said, 'Guys! Get down! Hide!'" Varga said. "So he was actually a hero."

Someone switched on the intercom, alerting people in the building to the attack by letting them hear the chaos in the school office, a teacher said. Teachers locked their

doors and ordered children to huddle in a corner or hide in closets as shots echoed through the building.

In a classroom, teacher Kaitlin Roig barricaded her 15 students into a tiny bathroom, pulled a bookshelf across the door and locked it. She told the kids to be "absolutely quiet."

"I said, 'There are bad guys out there now. We need to wait for the good guys,'" she told ABC News.

One student claimed to know karate. "It's OK. I'll lead the way out," the student said.

Clerk Maryann Jacob was working with a group of 18 fourth-graders in the library when the shooting broke out.

She herded the children into a classroom in the library, but then realized the door wouldn't lock.

They crawled across the room into a storage space, locked the door and barricaded it with a filing cabinet. There happened to be materials for coloring, she said, "so we set them up with paper and crayons."

One person who wasn't in the school at all also is being lauded for his grace: Robbie Parker, whose daughter Emilie died.

Speaking to reporters Saturday, he said he was not mad and offered sympathy for Lanza's family.

"I can't imagine," he said, "how hard this experience must be for you."

GUNMAN FROM 1A

politics are too hard?"

With so much grieving left to do, many of Newtown's 27,000 people wondered whether life could ever return to normal. And as the work-week was set to begin, parents weighed whether to send their own children back to school.

Gov. Dannel Malloy said the shooter decided to kill himself when he heard police closing in about 10 minutes into the attack.

"We surmise that it was during the second classroom episode that he heard responders coming and apparently at that decided to take his own life," Malloy said on ABC's "This Week."

Police said they found hundreds of unused bullets at the school, which enrolled about 450 students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

"There was a lot of ammo, a lot of clips," said state po-

lice Lt. Paul Vance. "Certainly a lot of lives were potentially saved."

The chief medical examiner has said the ammunition was designed to expend its energy in the victim's tissues and stay inside the body to inflict the maximum amount of damage.

The sorrowful interfaith service was stark and spare, with a table that held only a small stage covered with a black cloth, candles and the presidential podium.

Obama conceded that none of his words would ease the sorrow. But he declared to the community of Newtown: "You are not alone."

Privately, Obama told the governor that Friday was the most difficult day of his presidency.

Newtown officials couldn't say whether Sandy Hook Elementary School would ever reopen. The school district was considering sending surviving students to an empty school in nearby Monroe. But for many parents, it was much too soon to con-

plate resuming school-day routines.

"We're just now getting ready to talk to our son about who was killed," said Robert Licata, the father of a boy who was at the school during the shooting but escaped harm. "He's not even there yet."

Jim Agostine, superintendent of schools in nearby Monroe, said plans were being made for students from Sandy Hook to attend classes in his town this week.

The road ahead for Newtown was clouded with grief.

"I feel like we have to get back to normal, but I don't know if there is normal anymore," said Kim Camputo, mother of two children, ages 5 and 10, who attend a different school. "I'll definitely be dropping them off and picking them up myself for a while."

Also Sunday, a Connecticut official said the gunman's mother was found dead in her pajamas in bed, shot four times in the head with a .22-caliber rifle. The killer then

went to the school with guns he took from his mother, got inside by breaking a window and began blasting his way through the building.

Federal agents have concluded that Lanza visited an area shooting range, but they do not know whether he actually practiced shooting there.

Ginger Colburn, a spokeswoman for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, would not identify the range or say how recently he was there.

Agents also determined that Lanza's mother visited shooting ranges several times, but it's still not clear whether she brought her son to the range or whether he ever fired a weapon there, Colburn said.

Investigators have offered no motive for the shooting, and police have found no letters or diaries that could shed light on it.

Newtown police Lt. George Sinko said he "would find it very difficult" for students to return to the same school where they came so close to death. But, he added, "We want to keep these kids together. They need to support each other."

Jennifer Waters, who at 6 is the same age as many of the dead but attends another school, came to Mass at Saint Rose of Lima Roman Catholic church with lots of questions.

"The little children — are they with the angels?" she asked her mother.

Joan Waters assured her daughter that they were, then hushed the child as services continued with boxes of tissues placed in each pew and window sill.

An overflow crowd of more than 800 people packed the church where eight children

will be buried this week. Lanza and his mother also attended the church.

Spokesman Brian Wallace said the diocese has yet to be asked to provide funerals for either.

In his homily, the Rev. Gerald Doyle tried to answer the question of how parishioners could find joy in a holiday season with so much sorrow.

"You won't remember what I say, and it will become unimportant," he said. "But you will really hear deep down that word that will finally and ultimately bring peace and joy. That is the word by which we live. That is the word by which we hope. That is the word by which we love."

At a later Mass at St. Rose of Lima, the priest stopped midway through the service and told worshippers to leave, because someone had phoned in a threat.

LIMIT FROM 1A

their potential uses sometimes "change hands."

In other business, the commission approved site plans for:

— Humility of Mary Health Partners to operate a medical lab and exam office for cardiology at 225 east state Route 14. Brian Downie of Alex Downie and Sons Company presented the plan and said the state would be responsible for performing inspections. LaLonde questioned whether radioactive material would be used in stress testing there, to which Downie said he wasn't sure but would look into the matter.

— Larry Deidrick to operate a restaurant at 157 South Main St. Deidrick said the 1950's-themed Columbiana Diner will feature the Chicago-style hot-dog. No structural changes will be made to the building that formerly housed the Lazy Bean which closed on Aug. 18, he said. He also said that many things featured in the restaurant are from local people and businesses, including a

1927 soda fountain.

The restaurant will offer breakfast and lunch, and everything inside (with the exception of the soda fountain) will be available for purchase.

At the close of the meeting Belding announced he took the certification test for building inspections but has not received the results yet.

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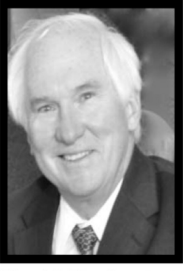
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A check for \$5,250 was recently presented to George W.S. Hays, left, Executive Director of the United Way Services of Northern Columbiana County by Salem Chamber Treasurer, Nancy McCoy and Chamber President Matthew Bender. The monies represent the partial proceeds from the annual Taste in Salem event. Local restaurants, merchants and organizations generously donate to the event that is held each year on the fourth Wednesday in October.



During the Salem Chamber's 66th annual dinner held on Nov. 16, Chamber officers recognized two members of the board of directors who will be leaving the board in December as their terms have expired. Special acknowledgements were offered and each of them received a commemorative plaque of appreciation for their service. Seen in the photo are, from left, Chamber President Matthew Bender, (Butech Bliss); First Vice President Gina Dermotta, (Salem Radiologists); Past President Carl Romeo, (Farmers National Bank); and Second Vice President, Jim Wenderoth, (Consumers National Bank); with retiring board members, LuAnn Haddad (Salem Community Hospital) and Mark Flake (Retired-USAF).



The Chamber's last Business After Hours for the year was hosted by Consumers National Bank located at 141 South Ellsworth Avenue on Thursday evening, Dec. 13. Chamber members enjoyed meeting and greeting each other and welcomed a number of guests to the event. Warm hospitality was offered by the employees of the bank as a delicious buffet was enjoyed by those present. Seen in the photo, from left, are Vicki Hall, AVP/Business Development; Zach Bennett, Alliance Branch Manager; Ralph Lober, President & CEO; Laurie McClellan, Chairman of the Board; and Steve Ruwoldt, CEO of the Salem Community Hospital.

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MON/17
BEAVER TOWNSHIP
South Range Local Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., K-12 campus music room.

CANFIELD
Board of Park Commissioners of Mill Creek MetroParks, meeting, 6 p.m., Fellows Riverside Gardens.

COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins, 9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

Crown Theater Productions, Wizard of Oz auditions, 6-8 p.m., Main Street Theater's Encore room, 5 North Main St., Cast call for ages 6 and up. Script reading and singing will be required at casting. Show dates for Wizard of Oz: Feb. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. 330-482-9915.

DAMASCUS
Lupus support group meeting, 7 p.m., Damascus Friends Church; 330-509-9015.

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
Fairfield-Waterford High School Class of 1959, coverdish dinner, 5:30 p.m., home of Jane Kress in Lisbon.

LISBON
Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, Faith Chapel; 330-332-1078.

Emotions Anonymous, 2-3 p.m., Dunkin Donuts, West State Street; 330-332-1045.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

West Branch Chorale Department's "A Classical Showcase," 3 p.m., St. Paul Catholic Church; free admission.

Salem Public Library's regular board meeting, 4:30 p.m., board room. Banquet and visit with Santa Claus, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; vegetable beef soup, pizza, salad, fresh fruit, assorted desserts.

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892's meeting and Christmas party, 7 p.m., post home.

Salem Board of Education, work study session, 5:30 p.m., followed by regular meeting, 7 p.m., high school library, agenda will include executive session for preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining session with employees.

TUE/18
CANFIELD
Free blood pressure, pulse and oxygen saturation screenings, 1-3 p.m., Canfield Public Library; provided by Salem Area Visiting Nurse.

That Quilt Group I Belong To, dinner and gift exchange, 6:30 p.m., Fair Park, \$15; doors open 6 p.m. Reservations, 330-533-1202.

COLUMBIANA
Crown Theater Productions, Wizard of Oz auditions, 6-8 p.m., Main Street Theater's Encore room, 5 North Main St. Cast call for ages 6 and up. Script reading and singing required. Show dates: Feb. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. 330-482-9915.

HANOVERTON
United Local High School Class of 1961, lunch, 1 p.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

LEETONIA
Leetonia Beehive Coke Oven Commission, public information session, 6 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Veterans Outpost and Home Front (family) support meetings, 7 p.m., Point Man's of Leetonia, 116 1/2 Oak St.; 800-877-8387.

LISBON
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House behind McDonald's; 330-337-0940.

SALEM
Salem High School Class of 1943, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Adele's Place.

Goshen High School Class of 1941, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Bank One retirees and former employees, Christmas luncheon, noon, Salem Golf Club; spouses invited.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Lions Club, 6 p.m., Memorial Building (second floor).

Salem City Council and City Planning Commission, public hearing, 7 p.m., city hall council chambers, regarding two rezoning requests related to proposed apartment complex at Pershing, Butcher and Cunningham.

Salem Jubilee Chorus practice. Male singers wanted, 7-8:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-337-6682.

WED/19
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m., township government building, Fairfield School Road. Date changed from Dec. 20.

LEETONIA
Toddler Playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Leetonia High School Classes of 1955-57, lunch, noon, Antone's restaurant.

LISBON
Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities, meeting, 7 p.m., administration office, 7675 state Route 45.

SALEM
City Parks Commission meeting, 5 p.m., Memorial Building.

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Salem Area Singles, meeting, 6 p.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 122, meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMVETS Post 45.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

Holiday Chorale Concert, bake sale, basket raffle, 8 p.m., Salem High School auditorium. Free admission.

SEBRING
American Legion Post 76, Swiss steak dinner, 4:30-7 p.m., post home, 395 W. California Ave.

Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

THU/20
BELOIT
West Branch Local Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., high school library.

GREENFORD
Greenford High School Class of 1958, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

LISBON
David Anderson High School Class of 1957, breakfast, 10 a.m., Taste of Country restaurant.

Lisbon Baptist Food Pantry, 10-11 a.m., 6428 Lisbon Road.

Help Hotline Crisis Center's support group meeting of the Survivors of Suicide, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Columbiana County Counseling Center on Route 154; 330-424-7767.

SALEM
Former AT&T-Ohio Bell Telephone Operators, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Class members, guests invited to the Greenford High School Class of 1958 lunch, 11:30 a.m., Salem Hill Golf & Country Club.

FRI/21
HANOVERTON
Allegheny Wesleyan College choir performance, "Christ, The King, Has Come!," 7 p.m., United Local High School.

SALEM
Hired Hands concert, 7 p.m., meeting room, Dale Shaffer Research Library, \$10 per person (additional \$5 covers all the children in a family); 234-564-3852.

SAT/22
ALLIANCE
West Branch Chorale Department's "A Classical Showcase," 7 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church; free admission.

COLUMBIANA
Messiah Choir performance, 7 p.m., Main Street Theater; free admission. Doors open 6 p.m.

SALEM
Concealed carry class, Salem Hunting Club; 330-332-9847.

Christmas Cantata, 6:30 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 291 S. Broadway Ave.

SUN/23
EAST PALESTINE
Parker Brothers and Lacey in concert, 11 a.m., God's Haven of Rest, 51966, state Route 14. Travis Parker in concert, 6 p.m.; 330-397-1284.

SALEM
Christmas Cantata, 10:30 a.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 291 S. Broadway Ave.

TUE/25
SALEM
Banquet in Salem, 5 p.m., Memorial Building; turkey with all the fixings including dressing, mashed potatoes, dessert.

WED/26
COLUMBIANA
Salem Area Singles, meeting, 6 p.m., 7&14 restaurant.

ELKTON
Elkrun Township trustees, meeting, 7 p.m., township administration building on state Route 154.



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► GOLF



Sergio Garcia of Spain closed the 2012 season with a win at the Johor Open Sunday on the Asian Tour. (AP Photo)

Sergio gets win to close season

Davis Love III, son win Father-Son Challenge

JOHOR, Malaysia (AP) — Sergio Garcia won the rain-shortened Johor Open on Sunday, closing with an 11-under 61 for a three-stroke victory in the Asian Tour's season-ending event.

The 32-year-old Spanish star finished at 18-under 198 at Horizon Hills for his second victory of the year and 24th international title. He also won the PGA Tour's Wyndham Championship in August.

Garcia had the lowest final round by a winner in Asian Tour history. He birdied seven of the first nine holes to make the turn in 7-under 29, added birdies on 13 and 14 before a long rain delay, then returned to make it four in a row with birdies on 15 and 16.

American Jonathan Moore also shot a 61 to finish second.

Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee was third at 14 under after a 65.

Thailand's Thaworn Wiratchant won the Asian Tour money title, finishing with \$738,047 in 25 events. He shot a 65 to tie for fifth at 11 under.

John Daly finished with a 65 to tie for 15th at 8 under. South Africa's Ernie Els closed with a 72 to tie for 48th at 3 under.

Davis Love III, son Dru win Father-Son Challenge

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Davis Love III had a nice pitch shot on No. 18 and son Dru finished off the birdie to capture the Father-Son Challenge title Sunday.

With Larry and Josh Nelson already in at 22-under for the two-day scramble format, both Loves misfired in trying to reach the green in two at the par-5 finishing hole. Dru, an Alabama freshman who won five Georgia state titles in high school, went long and right near the grandstand at the Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes. Davis watched his ball roll onto the bank of a greenside pond.

But the elder Love found the right touch on his pitch from Dru's position and his son made the winning putt.

"We made it a little tougher on ourselves than we wanted," said Davis Love III, acknowledging he was more nervous standing over

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► NFL — BROWNS BAFFLED BY REDSKINS; STEELERS SLIP IN DALLAS

Washington buries Browns

Redskins win without RGIII 38-21; Cleveland sloppy in home finale

CLEVELAND (AP) — The fans booed and left early. The winning streak came to an end. The playoffs are no longer possible.

This December will end like so many before it in Cleveland. The Browns will have another losing season.

Unable to take advantage of quarterback Robert Griffin III's absence, the Browns couldn't stop rookie Kirk Cousins and made too many mistakes in a 38-21 loss Sunday to the Washington Redskins, who won their



Washington Redskins nose tackle Barry Cofield sacks Cleveland Browns quarterback Brandon Weeden in the fourth quarter in Cleveland, Sunday. (AP Photo)

See BROWNS, 2B

Steelers slip up

Pittsburgh can't hold onto lead in Dallas, fall in overtime 27-24



Can't hang on
Dallas Cowboys free safety Gerald Sensabaugh (43) and strong safety Eric Frampton (27) knock the ball out of Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders' (88) hands Sunday in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo)

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers still have games to play, and a chance at the playoffs.

Still, this loss hurts for Roethlisberger, whose inter-



ception in overtime set up Dallas for a field goal to win 27-24 Sunday.

The Steelers (7-7) have lost four of five games, including both since the quarterback's return from a shoulder injury.

"There won't be any quit from us, especially from me," said Roethlisberger, in-

sisting the loss was his fault even after throwing for 339 yards with two touchdowns.

"This one is going to sting real bad, it will hopefully make me and make us better."

The only other time the Steelers played in Cowboys Stadium was their loss to Green Bay in the Super Bowl

two seasons ago.

In Pittsburgh's first game there against the hometown Cowboys (8-6), where thousands of Steelers fans waved their Terrible Towels and cheered wildly, Pittsburgh overcame an early 10-0 deficit and led early in the

See STEELERS, 2B

Broncos rock Ravens 34-17

Green Bay drops Chicago



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning hands the ball off to running back Knowshon Moreno during the first half against the Baltimore Ravens in Baltimore, Sunday. (AP Photo)

PACKERS 21, BEARS 13
CHICAGO (AP) — The Green Bay Packers clinched their second straight NFC North title with a 21-13 victory over the archrival Chicago Bears on Sunday.

James Jones caught all

three touchdown passes thrown by the Packers' Aaron Rodgers. Green Bay has now won six straight in the NFL's oldest — and fiercest — rivalry.

The Packers (10-4) have won 12 straight against NFC North opponents, the longest streak in the NFL.

Brandon Marshall had a 15-yard TD catch for the

See NFL, 2B



Baltimore Ravens fans pause during a moment of silence to honor 20 children and 6 adults killed Friday in a shooting rampage at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. before the first half against the Denver Broncos in Baltimore, Sunday. A gunman walked into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. Friday and opened fire, killing 26 people. (AP Photo)

Moments of silence around NFL for victims

Two days after 26 die in shooting, league darkens scoreboards

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots silenced their "End Zone Militia" on Sunday night, paying tribute to the victims of the Connecticut school shooting by canceling the traditional scoring celebration in which men dressed as Revolutionary War soldiers fire muskets into the air.

Two days after 20 children and six adults were shot to death at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., the Patriots joined teams across the NFL that honored the victims' memory by asking for a moment of silence and darkening their scoreboards.

New York Giants receiver Victor Cruz, after learning that he was the favorite player of one 6-year-old victim, wrote "R.I.P. Jack Pinto," "Jack Pinto, my hero" and "This one is for you" on his shoes for the Giants game against the Falcons in Atlanta. Cruz said he called the boy's family after hearing he was a Giants fan and was told they planned to bury him in one of Cruz's No. 80 jerseys.

"I don't even know how to put it into words," Cruz said. "There are no words that can describe the type of feeling that you get when a kid idolizes you so much that unfortunately they want to put him in the casket with your jersey on. I can't even explain it."

The Patriots, the closest team to Newtown that was home on Sunday, wore a helmet sticker with the city seal and a black ribbon on it. The Giants, another popular team in southwestern Connecticut, affixed a decal with the school's initials — "SHES" — on their helmets.

Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt wrote "Newtown, CT" on one of the gloves he wore in warmups and on both of his shoes for the game.

"We're playing football,

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2DAYINSPORTS

Dec. 17

1991 — The Cleveland Cavaliers turn a 20-point halftime lead over Miami into the most lopsided victory in NBA history, 148-80 over the Heat. The 68-point margin eclipses the mark of 63 set March 19, 1972, when the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Golden State Warriors 162-99.

1993 — Julio Cesar Chavez secures his place in boxing history, retaining his WBC super lightweight title with a fifth-round victory over Britain's Andy Holligan. It's the 27th time Chavez fought for a title without a loss since 1984, breaking Joe Louis' mark of 26.

1993 — Virgil Hill becomes the most successful light heavyweight in boxing history, winning a record 15th title defense with a unanimous decision over Guy Waters of Australia. Hill, the WBA champion for five of the last six years, had been tied with Bob Foster, who held light heavyweight titles from 1968 to 1974.

1994 — Minnesota wide receiver Cris Carter, with 8 catches for 80 yards, breaks the NFL record of 112 receptions in a season in the Vikings' 41-19 loss to the Detroit Lions. Carter, who finished the season with 122 receptions, broke the mark set by Green Bay's Sterling Sharpe in 1993.

2000 — Terrell Owens catches an NFL-record 20 passes for 283 yards and a touchdown in San Francisco's 17-0 victory over Chicago. Jeff Garcia completes 36 of 44 passes for 402 yards and two touchdowns for the 49ers.

2005 — John Ruiz loses the WBA heavyweight title, dropping a disputed majority decision to 7-foot Nikolay Valuev of Russia in Berlin. Valuev, the first Russian heavyweight champion, also becomes the tallest and heaviest (323 pounds) champion of all-time.

2006 — LaDainian Tomlinson breaks Paul Hornung's 46-year-old NFL single-season scoring record on a 15-yard run in the first quarter of San Diego's game against Kansas City. The touchdown run gives him 180 points, breaking Hornung's record of 176 set with the Green Bay Packers in 1960.

2006 — Green Bay's Brett Favre passes Dan Marino to become the league's all-time completions leader with a 21-yard pass to wide receiver Carlyle Holiday. Favre, who needed 14 completions, finds Holiday over the middle with 1:42 left in the second quarter for the 4,968th completion of his 16-year career.

2006 — Gilbert Arenas sets a franchise record with 60 points, 16 of them in overtime, to lead Washington to a 147-141 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

NFL

FROM 1B

Bears, who have lost five of six and are in danger of missing the playoffs after beginning the year 7-1. Clay Matthews continued his torture of Jay Cutler with two sacks, and Alshon Jeffery hurt the Bears (8-6) with three offensive pass interference calls late in the second half.

TEXANS 29, COLTS 17

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans are AFC South champions for the second straight year.

Andre Johnson had 151 yards receiving and a touchdown, Bryan Braman scored on a blocked punt and Shayne Graham kicked five field goals.

The Texans (12-2) grabbed their first AFC South title last season after the Colts nosedived without injured quarterback Peyton Manning. Manning is gone and Andrew Luck couldn't do much against Houston's defense.

The Colts (9-5) had won three straight and needed a win to clinch a playoff berth a year after going 2-14.

J.J. Watt had three sacks as Houston's defense got back on track a week after a 42-14 loss to New England.

The Texans will have home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs in they win out.

VIKINGS 36, RAMS 22

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Adrian Peterson ran for a season-best 212 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown that fueled the Minnesota's big second quarter.

Peterson has 1,812 yards rushing, leaving him 294 shy of breaking the NFL's single-season record of 2,105 by Eric Dickerson of the Los Angeles Rams in 1984. Peterson, less than a year removed from a serious knee injury, has two games left — at Houston and home against Green Bay — to top Dickerson.

The Vikings (8-6) scored 10 of their 23 points in the second quarter off turnovers by Sam Bradford, including a 29-yard interception return by defensive end Everson Griffen.

The Rams fell to 6-7-1.

FALCONS 34, GIANTS 0

FROM 1B

ATLANTA (AP) — Matt Ryan threw three touchdowns passes and Atlanta handed the Giants their first regular-season shutout since 1996.

Julio Jones caught a couple of scoring throws from Ryan, who broke his own franchise records for completions and passing yards in a season. He finished 23 of 28 for 270 yards.

The Falcons (12-2), who have already clinched the NFC South, moved a step closer to locking up home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs. One more win would lock it up.

Eli Manning threw two interceptions for New York (8-6), which came into the game with a one-game lead over Washington and Dallas in the NFC East.

BRONCOS 34, RAVENS 17

BALTIMORE (AP) — Chris Harris returned an interception 98 yards for a momentum-turning touchdown, and Denver won its ninth straight.

Peyton Manning threw for 204 yards and a score in his ninth consecutive win against Baltimore, the first with the Broncos (11-3).

Down 10-0 late in the first half, the Ravens had a first-and-goal at the Denver 4 when Harris stepped in front of Anquan Boldin, picked off a pass by Joe Flacco and sprinted down the right sideline en route to the longest regular-season interception return in Broncos history.

The Ravens (9-5) were playing their first game under offensive coordinator Jim Caldwell, who replaced the fired Cam Cameron.

SEAHAWKS 50, BILLS 17

TORONTO (AP) — Seattle rookie quarterback Russell Wilson ran for three touchdowns and threw for another in leading the Seahawks to their second straight rout.

Wilson scored on runs of 14, 25 and 4 yards and then hit Zach Miller for a 4-yard touchdown in helping the Seahawks score 31 points on their first five possessions. The defense forced three

consecutive turnovers to start the second half, including Earl Thomas scoring on 57-yard interception return.

A week after a 58-0 win at home against Arizona, the Seahawks (9-5) inched closer to clinching a playoff berth and became the NFL's third team to score 50 points on consecutive week-ends. The Bills (5-9) were knocked out of playoff contention for a 13th consecutive season.

CARDINALS 31, LIONS 10

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Greg Toler returned an interception 102 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown as Arizona ended a nine-game losing streak.

The Cardinals (5-9) intercepted Matthew Stafford three times, returning two for touchdowns and setting up a TD with the other. The Lions (4-10) lost their sixth straight. Rashad Johnson brought back a pick 53 yards for a touchdown to cap Arizona's 21-point second quarter. Patrick Peterson's interception set up another score.

Detroit's Calvin Johnson became the first player in NFL history with consecutive 1,600-yard receiving seasons and tied an NFL record with his seventh straight 100-yard receiving game.

PANTHERS 31, CHARGERS 7

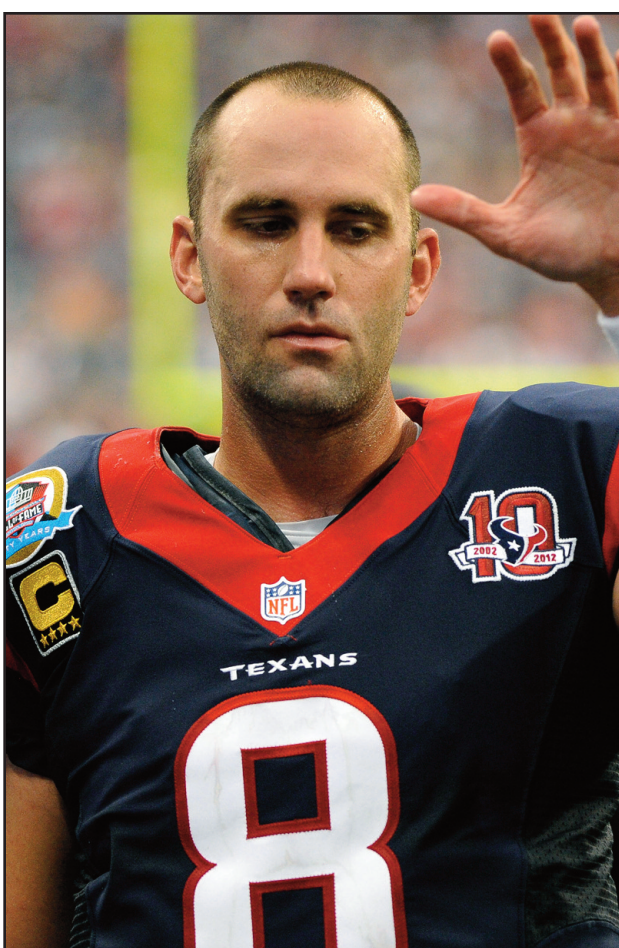
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Mike Tolbert scored twice against his former team and DeAngelo Williams turned a tipped pass from Cam Newton into a 45-yard touchdown reception.

Carolina (5-9) won consecutive games for the first time since last December. The loss knocked the Chargers out of playoff contention for the third straight year.

The Chargers (5-9) clinched their first losing season since 2003, when they were an NFL-worse 4-12.

Coach Norv Turner is expected to be fired at season's end, most likely along with general manager A.J. Smith.

Tolbert capped Carolina's first two drives with 1-yard scoring runs. His second TD was set up when Philip Rivers lost a fumble, his 21st turnover this season and



Houston Texans' Matt Schaub congratulates players on the sideline after a score in the first quarter against the Indianapolis Colts, Sunday in Houston. (AP Photo)

46th in less than two full seasons.

SAINTS 41, BUCCANEERS 0

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Drew Brees passed for 307 yards and four touchdowns, and New Orleans posted its first shutout since 1995.

Brees connected on his scoring passes with tight end David Thomas, running back Darren Sproles and receivers Lance Moore and Joe Morgan. Mark Ingram added an 11-yard touchdown run.

Josh Freeman endured one of his worst outings of the season for Tampa Bay (6-8), throwing four interceptions and losing a fumble. Jabari Greer made two interceptions, Rafael Bush and Isa Abdul-Quddus the others.

Cameron Jordan forced Freeman's fumble on a sack and recovered it.

New Orleans (6-8) also bottled up standout rookie

running back Doug Martin, holding him to 16 yards on nine carries.

DOLPHINS 24, JAGUARS 3

MIAMI (AP) — Miami kept former teammate Chad Henne out of the end zone, made three fourth-down stops deep in its own territory and benefited from an odd penalty.

Henne, playing in Miami for the first time since he departed as a Dolphins bust last offseason, threw for 221 yards with no turnovers. But the Dolphins turned back three scoring threats, and a go-ahead touchdown for the Jaguars came off the board because of an illegal-substitution penalty.

Ryan Tannehill went 22 for 28 for 220 yards and two scores with no interceptions to help Miami (6-8). The Jaguars (2-12) helped their chances of getting the No. 1 draft pick next April.

STEELERS

FROM 1B

fourth quarter after Antonio Brown's 7-yard TD catch.

Brown was later stripped and fumbled on what would have been a 22-yard punt return to near midfield. Dallas drove for a tying touchdown.

Even after Brown didn't field a poor punt that ended up bouncing and rolling to the 20 inside the final 2 minutes of regulation, the Steelers were near midfield again.

DeMarcus Ware was called for roughing the passer because of swipe to the back of the head before Roethlisberger was sacked on consecutive plays.

"Really, it's simple, man. Just not enough of the critical plays in the waning moments to seize opportunities," coach Mike Tomlin said. "We had a lead, and had a punt return. It was going to be good field position. ... We had the ball

near midfield at the end of regulation and timeouts."

On the second play of overtime, Roethlisberger's pass intended for Mike Wallace was picked off by Brandon Carr, whose 36-yard return to the 1 set up Dan Bailey's game-ending 21-yard field goal.

Though the Steelers slipped to third place in the AFC North, they are only a game behind Cincinnati for the AFC's second wild card. Pittsburgh has already won a game against its division rival, which visits Heinz Field next week.

The Steelers play their last two games at home, against the Bengals and then Cleveland.

"Obviously we're frustrated," Wallace said.

"But we're still in the same situation we started in before we came. We know if we win these last two games, we're still in the tournament."

Tony Romo and the Cowboys (8-6) moved into a

three-way tie for the NFC East lead with the New York Giants and Washington Redskins. Dallas has won three straight and five of six.

Roethlisberger completed 24 of 40 passes and was sacked four times, three of those coming in the final 3:35 of regulation. His only interception came at the worst time.

"He got to the top of his drop and was delivering the ball. I made a run for it and when he threw it behind (Wallace), I laid out for it and caught it," Carr said. "Those are the plays you dream about in the backyard, making the game-winning interception or touchdown."

Dallas won on a Bailey field goal on the final play for the second straight week since practice squad linebacker Jerry Brown was killed in a one-car accident that led to manslaughter charges against teammate Josh Brent for allegedly driving drunk.

Dallas, playing with Brown's No. 53 jersey draped on their bench and his number on a helmet decal, couldn't do anything in the final minute of regulation after Pittsburgh punted.

"We have to find a way to fight back, which we did. But we just didn't finish," tight end Heath Miller said. "We still have a chance to right our wrongs here with two games left."

Dallas got even at 24-all with 7 minutes left on a 3-yard TD run by DeMarco Murray. That came on the drive set up when Victor Butler reached out and stripped the ball from Brown on the punt return.

Roethlisberger pulled the Steelers even at 10 on an impressive play.

He stepped away from pressure and used a couple of pump fakes to keep pass rushers away before moving forward and to the side to find Miller wide open along the sideline on a 30-yard score.

After stopping to make the catch, Miller (seven catches for 92 yards) ran in untouched to chants of "Heath" from the black-and-gold clad fans.

"They went to a prevent defense, so the play that was called wasn't a good play at all," Roethlisberger said. "Went to throw over the middle, at the last minute saw Heath on the sideline. Just tried to get it to him and let him do the rest."

NOTES: Steelers CB DeMarcus Van Dyke separated his right shoulder trying to tackle on a punt return less than 2 minutes in the game. ... WR Emmanuel Sanders sustained a rib injury and CB Keenan Lewis (groin) also left injured. ... Romo was 30-of-42 passing for 341 yards with two TDs. ... The Steelers their previous three overtime games, including a 16-13 win at home over Kansas City on Nov. 12. ... Dallas has won six of its past seven OT games, and are 2-0 at Cowboys Stadium.

BROWNS

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fifth straight game and moved into a tie for first in the NFC East with New York.

With a chance to close their home schedule with a win, the Browns (5-9) fell flat.

Rookie quarterback Brandon Weeden threw two costly interceptions, running back Trent Richardson couldn't find many holes and Cleveland's defense was taken apart by Cousins, who made his first career start in place of an injured Griffin.

"We let ourselves down, and we let the whole city of Cleveland down," said Richardson, who rushed for two TDs and second-guessed coach Pat Shurmur's play calling. "This was the last home game. We were supposed to go out with a blast. This was a big ballgame for us and we didn't do what we were supposed to do."

The Redskins decided one game without RG3 couldn't

hurt. He disagreed, but after Cousins kept Washington's winning streak and playoff hopes intact, Griffin understood.

First place has him feeling better.

Cousins threw for 329 yards and threw two touchdown passes to Leonard Hankerson and the Redskins (8-6) barely missed a beat without the talented and multi-dimensional Griffin, who sat out with a sprained right knee and wasn't upset about having to stand on the sideline and watch his teammates play.

"I was not happy with the decision," said Griffin, who was informed Saturday night of the plan to start Cousins. "That's the decision they went with and I respect that. It doesn't mean I have to necessarily like it. I feel like I could have played this week, next week, the week after. But that's not my decision."

The Browns were a long shot to make the playoffs. Riding a three-game winning streak, they needed to win their last three and

would have required several other teams to lose to have any chance at making the postseason for just the second time since 1999. But that's all over now, and Shurmur's days in Cleveland could be dwindling quickly.

By Jan. 1, the Browns may need a new coach, staff, general manager and several prominent players could be headed elsewhere as new owner Jimmy Haslam and CEO Joe Banner evaluate the franchise.

It seems to be the same story in Cleveland every year.

"There's a lot of uncertainty," linebacker D'Qwell Jackson said.

Following the game, Richardson criticized Shurmur for not staying with his game plan.

"We should've stuck with it," he said. "But we didn't and we tried to go do some other stuff, and the outcome came in a different way. When we did do it, it worked. So we got away from it, and the outcome comes as an 'L.'"

Browns rookie quarter-

back Brandon Weeden struggled from the outset. He went 21 of 35 for 244 yards and two picks, both leading to Washington TDs.

Weeden's performance will certainly renew debate over whether he's the quarterback of the future. He certainly didn't look like it against the Redskins.

"It's frustrating," Weeden said. "We put ourselves in a hole so early in the year to where we were having to play catch up. These last few games were almost like play-off games because we're making pushes. It's upsetting. We wanted to give our fans a better final game at home and keep this momentum going."

Shurmur refused to say Weeden suffered a setback.

"I don't think it was his best game, but I think that can be said for all of us," Shurmur said.

Richardson's second TD run gave the Browns a 14-10 lead with 1:11 left before halftime. Earlier, he broke Hall of Famer Jim Brown's 55-year-old team rookie record for rushing TDs.

"It means a lot, but we still lost," Richardson said. "So it doesn't mean nothing — for real. In the long run, I'm going to sit back and think about it, but right now, I've got a 24-hour rule. I'm not down about this game, but I'm very upset about this game. So it really didn't mean as much without that 'W.'"

NOTES: Browns S T.J. Ward left in the fourth quarter with a knee injury. Shurmur did not provide an update on Ward's condition. ... K Phil Dawson did not attempt a field goal in possibly his final home game after 14 seasons with Cleveland. The 37-year-old has been franchised the past two seasons and doesn't know if he'll be back. "I thought about it," Dawson said. "The fans have been unbelievable, just overwhelmingly supportive. I did want to take a few moments to let them know I love them. ... DE Juqua Parker recorded his team leading sixth sack. ... KR Josh Cribbs moved into fifth place in career kickoff return yardage with 9,913.

► PRO WRESTLING

Corgan rocks in ring as wrestling promoter

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Billy Corgan had a night off from the latest Smashing Pumpkins tour and a night out with The Blue Meanie. No, that’s not the next up-and-coming band with a colorful name, along the lines of the White Stripes or the Black Keys.

The Blue Meanie is a professional wrestler — yes, hair and beard dyed cobalt blue to match his worn T-shirt — and Corgan was his tag-team partner for a Friday night road trip to an independent wrestling show in New Jersey. His next Smashing Pumpkins concert was a night away, and Corgan wasn’t going to miss it.

The musician-songwriter is more than just another celebrity immersed in wrestling as some sort of quirky promotional stunt. Corgan’s childhood fandom of the high-flying moves and outlandish story lines morphed into a serious passion for the craft and real-life drama that goes with it.

For the past year, the Smashing Pumpkins’ frontman has worked as the behind-the-scenes brainchild for the Resistance Pro Wrestling promotion out of Illinois. He teamed with R-Pro owners, brothers Gabe and Jacques Baron, to raise the diminished expectations that usually come with a typical weekend indie show and make the company a smashing success over the first 10 cards. Stretched out in a Philadelphia hotel room, Corgan explained he’s in the wrestling business for the long haul.

“I like that it makes people uncomfortable,” Corgan said. “I like that it’s not an easy thing to explain. I like when it’s great, it’s amazing; when it’s bad, it’s really, really bad.”

Corgan’s music career has pretty much been all great since he founded the seminal 1990s alternative-rock band that keeps churning out acclaimed records, like their latest, “Oceania,” even as they endured a breakup, lawsuits, and multiple lineup changes.



This Sept. 22 file photo shows Billy Corgan promoting The Smashing Pumpkins album "Oceania" during a news conference in Mexico City. Corgan has gone from Smashing Pumpkins to smashing heads. He's the creative director of an Illinois-based wrestling promotion that showcases the stars of tomorrow with some of the older stars from the past. (AP Photo)

He shifted his talents to R-Pro as the creative director, where he consults with wrestlers and maps out old-school story lines with a modern twist to keep the promotion strong.

R-Pro isn’t quite the behemoth of World Wrestling Entertainment. But it’s not the typical low-budget show held in the local high school.

“We want to be able to expand to where we’re a national brand and can run pretty much anywhere in the country,” Corgan said. “My name and my access to certain things get help get us there, but it doesn’t mean we’re ready for that. We’re better off being a little bit more conservative.”

Corgan and the Baron brothers have no interest in running a typical indie show stocked with old-timers and highspots with no true story advancement. Corgan wants episodic events where the next show builds off the last one. He’s pitched a reality show on the promotion to a handful of networks and has even proposed becoming a developmental system for the WWE with Stephanie McMahon, who oversees the sports entertainment giant’s creative department.

“I think it would be to our credit to get people to the top level,” Corgan said. “I think it does a disservice to our talent to not prepare them for the next level.”

Corgan knows well the

feeling shared by the prospects willing to fight in any dingy ring for a shot at performing for WWE or TNA Wrestling. Corgan remembers those dues-paying, eight-hour drives in the snow to the next empty club, dragging his own equipment, or performing for small crowds, all for the hope of hitting the big time.

Corgan forged friendships with wrestling personalities like Edge, Chris Nowitzki, Raven, and former WWE writer Vince Russo, and said he was “long past being starry-eyed” about the unique culture of the pseudo-sport. He wasn’t going to dabble in wrestling; Corgan was building a franchise. The entertainment industry has long tried to wrest its way into the wrestling world. Mr. T and Lawrence Taylor main evented WWE cards. Aretha Franklin, Kid Rock and John Legend have all performed at WrestleMania. Corgan has attended a WrestleMania and participated in an angle for ECW.

“The best minds in professional wrestling are from those who are the biggest fans,” said Brian Heffron, who wrestles as The Blue Meanie. “You can just tell his passion, his admiration and love for the sport and the art of professional wrestling.”

Heffron, a former ECW and WWE wrestler, and Corgan met in 1998 and enjoyed swapping stories about life

inside the squared circle. The Blue Meanie was a winner in his match earlier this month with Corgan in the crowd. Corgan, his head shaved just like WWE Hall of Famer “Stone Cold” Steve Austin, browsed the merchandise table, and talked to talent.

“It’s not a side project to Billy,” Heffron said. “This is something he grew up living.”

The Smashing Pumpkins just finished a tour, so Corgan hasn’t watched much of the big-league weeknight action lately, but he keeps tabs on WWE’s flagship “RAW” show. WWE chairman Vince McMahon has put down the script and rumbled in the ring more than a few times over the last 20 years. But Corgan has no interest in smashing his guitar over one of his worker’s heads.

“I use my hands for a living,” he said, flexing his fingers. “I don’t even play basketball because I might sprain a finger.”

Still, the common threads of a rebellious spirit, wild excess, and unpredictable fun are why Corgan’s storytelling has worked as well in the ring as on stage.

“Wrestling has a different code of ethics,” he said.

“Some of it’s valuable, some of it’s strange and idiosyncratically left over from other eras. It’s a little bit like working in two different stores.”

As for his other gig, the Pumpkins recently reissued their epic, “Mellon Collie And The Infinite Sadness.” Corgan broke up the Pumpkins in 2000 before finding a new combination to record and tour again.

“I don’t see a situation where the band would stop existing,” he said. “I think that was a mistake. I think if you don’t want to do it, you just put it down for a while. Breaking up? What good does it do? Everywhere I go, that’s all everyone wants to talk about, this video, this song, this concert. Even when I was out of the band, I was still in the band.”

He can escape, at least for a bit, with R-Pro.

GOLF FROM 1B

the pitch shot than watching his son putt. “But it was great to leave that putt for Dru so he could make it to win.”

The Loves teamed for an 11-under 61 in the final round. Davis collects the entire \$200,000 first prize, since Dru plays for the Crimson Tide’s No.1-ranked golf team.

“I definitely learned a lot this week,” Dru Love said. “I know this isn’t quite as big a tournament as the PGA, but you see the way that it’s supposed to be done.”

The Nelsons had seven consecutive birdies on the back nine, capped by Larry’s 30-footer at the par-3 17th. But the run ended strangely at No. 18, when Larry’s 10-foot attempt hit the back of the hole and somehow popped back onto the putting surface.

“I can’t wait to get home and see it on replay,” the elder Nelson said. “It went in the left-center of the hole; it wasn’t like it was just on the edge. I closed my eyes, then I looked up and the ball’s

over there.”

Said Josh Nelson: “We thought an angel blew it in on 17; we think a little devil kept it out on 18.”

The Nelsons, who shot a 60 in the final round, were seeking to bring the family a third consecutive Father-Son title. Larry and Josh teamed for the 2007 title, with elder son Drew stepping in to win in 2008 before the event went on a three-year hiatus.

Vijay Singh and son Qass finished two shots back after a 61, followed by Mark and Shaun O’Meara (63) and David Duval with steson Nick Karavites (61).

Jack Nicklaus and son Gary, two shots off the pace to start the day, finished four back after a 63. The duo briefly moved in front after a pair of early eagles, but couldn’t overcome a nine-hole stretch in which they made just one birdie.

“We had a good look on every hole,” Jack Nicklaus said. “We never came close all week to making a bogey. But we didn’t make enough birdies.”

Gary Nicklaus, a PGA Tour member from 2000-02, is a reinstated amateur

who qualified for last summer’s U.S. Amateur at Cherry Hills.

Daniel Popovic wins Australian

COOLUM, Australia (AP) — Australasian Tour rookie Daniel Popovic completed an improbable wire-to-wire victory in the Australian PGA, shooting a 3-under 69 on Sunday for a four-stroke victory.

Popovic finished at 16-under 272 at the Palmer Coolum resort. The Australian opened with rounds of 64, 70 and 69.

Rod Pamplung birdied the first six holes to take the lead after nine holes, but dropped four strokes on the final three holes — making bogeys on 16 and 17 and a double bogey on 18 — to fall into a tie for second with fellow Australian Anthony Brown. Pamplung had a 69, and Brown shot 71.

Popovic nearly quit golf earlier this year to care for his seriously ill father.

“I just can’t believe this is happening,” Popovic said as he walked up the 18th fairway with his ball safely on the green. “I am just going to

try to enjoy this now.”

Moments later, he tapped in for par, did a left-handed fist pump and doffed his cap to the crowd.

“It has just hit me all over suddenly,” he said after accepting the winner’s check for \$225,000.

“I was just so confident, and that never left me. Sure I made several stupid mistakes, but I bounced back quite nicely.”

Pamplung looked set for his first win since the Australian Masters in 2008. He has two wins on the U.S. PGA Tour, the last in 2006 at the Bay Hill Invitational. This year, he finished just outside the top 125 — 127th place — to lose his PGA tour card, then failed at qualifying school two weeks ago, meaning he will have only conditional status next year in the U.S.

Errant tee shots on 16 and 17 led to bogeys, then his approach on 18 went into the water.

Australia’s Geoff Ogilvy fell short in his bid to finish in the top three to ensure a top-50 finish in the year-end world ranking and a spot in the Masters. He shot a 69 to tie for fourth.

fans stood silently at the Rogers Centre in Toronto.

The Bills did continue their pregame habit of playing U2’s “Sunday Bloody Sunday,” which they’ve played before every home game this season.

The song is in reference to British troops shooting and killing unarmed protesters in Derry, Northern Ireland in January 1972.

In Chicago, Green Bay wide receiver Donald Driver retweeted the names of the victims. St. Louis defensive end Chris Long said after the 36-22 loss the Vikings that it was hard to feel sorry for himself.

“As we sit here and feel sorry for ourselves after losing a football game, it really helps put things in perspective,” he said. “I was watching TV last night and saw a victim’s parent and I was really moved by that, the strength that they were showing up there. If we can all show that strength, we’ll be all right as a team and as people.”

AROUND THE HORN



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No. 25 West Virginia women top YSU 90-57

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Taylor Palmer scored 15 points to lead five players in double figures for No. 25 West Virginia, which shot 64.4 percent in defeating Youngstown State 90-57 Sunday.

Ayana Dunning added 13 points and 13 rebounds, Christal Caldwell and Averee Fields scored 12 points each and Darius Faulk scored 10 for the Mountaineers (7-2), who made 38 of 59 shots in winning their fourth consecutive game.

Caldwell and Palmer each scored 10 of their points in the first half, when West Virginia took a 43-23 lead.

Brandi Brown, who came in averaging 20.7 points and 12.3 rebounds for the Penguins (7-3), was held to 12 points on 4-of-12 shooting and four rebounds. The senior forward did become the third Youngstown State player to surpass 1,500 career points, getting to 1,509.

The Mountaineers, who never trailed, outrebounded Youngstown State 44-25 and outscored the Penguins 42-20 in the paint.

Knicks welcome Lin back to New York on Monday

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeremy Lin was barely hanging on to an NBA job when he stepped on the floor at Madison Square Garden last February.

He returns Monday having proven he’s a legitimate starter and sometimes star, capable of energizing a franchise and a fan base, a player who saved his team’s season and was rewarded with a lucrative contract.

Linsanity was short but spectacular, and even the New York Knicks’ locker room is filled with Lin admirers. Yet on the court, his old team hasn’t missed him at all.

“What he did was amazing. I mean, I was watching every game. He was hitting game-winners, he was doing all that. He was amazing,” point guard Raymond Felton said. “But it’s time to move on. We’re 18-5, whatever the record is, we’re 10-0 at home, so no need to talk about that no more.”

Lin makes his lone New York appearance with the Houston Rockets, who threw big dollars at Lin in July and were maybe just as surprised as so many others when the Knicks let them have him. They could have kept Lin simply by matching the Rockets’ offer, which was widely considered to be a foregone conclusion, and the big-market Knicks certainly could have afforded him.

Instead, they traded for Felton, and signed Jason Kidd and Pablo Prigioni, and nobody can argue now. The Knicks are the best in the league in taking care of the ball — a Lin weakness even during his highest point — and they have the best record in the Eastern Conference with Felton and Kidd starting together in a two point guard backcourt.

“I’m not taking anything away from what we had last year, those guys gave us all they had, but to win at a big level in this league you’ve got to have good point guard play. I think Jason Kidd and Raymond and Pablo have filled that void that we were somewhat missing last year,” Knicks coach Mike Woodson said.

The Knicks were going nowhere without anyone to run former coach Mike D’Antoni’s offense and just days from needing to cut Lin or guarantee his salary for the remainder of the season when D’Antoni turned to him in a Feb. 4 game against the Nets. Lin scored 25 points off the bench, was promoted to the starting lineup two nights later, and the phenomenon known as Linsanity was born.

An undrafted player from Harvard who had been cut three times already and was so uncertain of his NBA future that he had slept on teammate Landry Fields’ couch the night before his breakout because he had refused to get his own place with an unguaranteed contract, Lin became an immediate hit with fans around the world. The first American-born player of Chinese or Taiwanese descent made a massive impact for the Knicks at the box office and merchandise stands, not to mention what he did for them in the standings. A season’s worth of highlights were packed into just a few weeks: the double-double in a national TV rout of defending champion Dallas; the 38 points to outduel Kobe Bryant in a victory over the Lakers; the 3-pointer in the final second to win a game at Toronto. He became a media sensation, appearing on the cover of Sports Illustrated in consecutive weeks, and brought the Knicks more positive attention than they had received in ages.

Bryant helps Lakers top 76ers 111-98

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers are winning again. It’s just a two-game streak, but it’s still a turnaround from their abysmal play of late.

Bryant scored 34 points, Metta World Peace added 19 points and a career-high 16 rebounds and the Lakers won consecutive games for the first time in nearly a month with a 111-98 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday.

Dwight Howard had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers, who led 60-50 at halftime. Darius Morris had a career-high 15 points, all in the first half, and Chris Duhon scored 14. It was World Peace’s first double-double since Jan. 13, 2010, at Dallas.

The Lakers (11-14), who beat Washington 102-96 on Friday night, won two in a row for the first time since a three-game streak from Nov. 16-20.

“It’s guys playing with confidence and guys trusting each other,” said Bryant, who was 12 for 21 from the field and 8 for 9 from the free-throw line. “We played well, communicated well, kept attacking and good things happened. I know the questions have been coming because we hadn’t been winning, but our time will come.” Even without injured stars Steve Nash and Pau Gasol, the Lakers hardly resembled the team which entered the night four games below .500. Bryant has scored at least 30 points in six consecutive games.

“We did a great job of attacking early and then we stayed with it,” he said. “Our bench did a great job and stepped up and our whole team stepped up and just played with confidence.”

Nick Young paced the reeling Sixers (12-12) with 30 points while Spencer Hawes and Evan Turner added 16 apiece. Thaddeus Young had 14 for Philadelphia, which dropped its third straight game for the first time this season.

“We just have to keep working, keep going to practice and go back to the drawing board,” Thaddeus Young said.

Like the Lakers, the Sixers also have been playing short-handed. Point guard Jrue Holiday, who averages a team-best 18.4 points, missed his second consecutive game with a sprained left foot.

Los Angeles led 87-73 after three, but the Sixers closed to 91-82 with 8:27 remaining.

The Lakers responded with a 9-3 surge to go back up by 15 at 100-85 with 5:15 left. Suddenly, all those boos careening down from the rafters toward Bryant and his teammates turned into fans heading up the aisles to leave the building.

“They knocked down a lot of 3s and they kind of spread the floor,” Nick Young said. “You have to give them credit.”

Los Angeles was 14 for 34 from 3-point range. Duhon was 4 for 10 from beyond the arc, and World Peace and Morris each made three 3s.

“Guys are playing well, we had open looks and guys were able to knock them down,” Duhon said. “I think you have to take what the defense gives you.”

The Lakers’ 10 3s in the first half broke the record for most in a half at the Wells Fargo Center, which opened in 1996.

NOTES: Jordan Hill, a forward-center with Los Angeles, was a late scratch with back spasms. ... Sixers C Kwame Brown started for the eighth time. He also has seven DNP-Coach’s Decision this season. Brown received a technical foul with 10:39 left in the third quarter. . Including this game, the Sixers are playing 10 of the next 12 against teams from the Western Conference. . Eagles running back LeSean McCoy attended the game.

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and there’s something much bigger going on in this world,” Watt said. “I just wanted them to know, and I wanted everyone to know, that our thoughts are with them. Nothing is bigger than that. We played our game today, but honestly our thoughts are with them, the families, the teachers, the friends, the first responders, who had to go see that. My dad is a first responder. They were just kids.”

Giants coach Tom Coughlin said the fact that the town was only about 90 minutes from New York City made the loss hit even harder.

“Being close to home, the players were greatly upset about it,” he said.

“Many of the players have young children so they can empathize with the parents who had young children killed. There was no one that escaped the effect of it,

but that’s not an excuse for why we played the way we played today.”

In St. Louis, the players who wear No. 26 — Rams running back Daryl Richardson and Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield — joined hands in a circle with their coaches at midfield before their game, surrounded by dozens of children wearing jerseys.

“I have a son that’s in kindergarten. It choked me up because I would hate to be one of those parents,” Rams running back Steven Jackson said.

“You drop your kid off at school and he or she wants to go there and learn and better themselves, and to then go to the school and find that your child will no longer be with you. I couldn’t imagine that thing.”

The U.S. flag was at half-staff at Gillette Stadium, and a spokeswoman said the team planned to fire 26 flares into the air in a pregame ceremony before

New England’s night game against the San Francisco 49ers.

Flags were also at half-staff in Baltimore, where the scoreboards went black as the public address announcer asked the crowd at the game between the Ravens and Denver Broncos to observe “silent reflection” in the wake of Friday’s “horrific tragedy.”

“As a parent you drop your kids off at school many times,” said Miami Dolphins coach Joe Philbin, whose 21-year-old son Michael fell into a Wisconsin river and drowned in January. “It’s hard to put into words what that community and those families must feel like. We obviously kept them in our prayers.”

A moment of silence was observed at all 14 NFL games on Sunday; in Houston and in Arlington, Texas, the scoreboard went black. Members of the Buffalo Bills and Seattle Seahawks stood quietly with their heads down on their sideline while

► TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Suspended Milwaukee F Joel Przybilla one game for throwing the basketball and hitting a referee during a Dec. 15 game against the Los Angeles Clippers.
HOUSTON ROCKETS — Recalled F Terrence Jones from Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI **BENGALS** — Placed FB Chris Pressley on injured reserve. Signed FB John Conner.
JACKSONVILLE **JAGUARS** — Released WR Kevin Elliott. Signed G Austin Pasztor from the practice squad and WR Jerrell Jackson to the practice squad.
PHILADELPHIA **EAGLES** — Released T Mike Gibson.
TAMPA BAY **BUCCANEERS** — Signed G Hayworth Hicks to the practice squad.
COLLEGE
MICHIGAN — Suspended CB J.T. Floyd, P Will Hagerup and LB Brandin Hawthorne for the Outback Bowl.
TENNESSEE — Named Zach Azzannini wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator.

► CBB TOP 25

- This Week's Top 25 Fared The Associated Press**
1. Indiana (9-1) lost to Butler 88-86, OT.
 2. Duke (9-0) did not play.
 3. Michigan (10-0) beat Binghamton 67-39; beat West Virginia 81-86.
 4. Syracuse (9-0) beat Canisius 85-61.
 5. Florida (7-1) lost to No. 8 Arizona 65-64.
 6. Louisville (9-1) beat Memphis 87-78.
 7. Ohio State (8-1) beat Savannah State 85-45; beat UNC Asheville 90-72.
 8. Arizona (8-0) beat No. 5 Florida 65-64.
 9. Kansas (8-1) beat Belmont 89-60.
 10. Illinois (12-0) beat Norfolk State 64-54; beat Eastern Kentucky 66-53.
 11. Cincinnati (10-0) beat Marshall 72-56.
 12. Missouri (8-1) did not play.
 13. Minnesota (11-1) beat North Dakota State 70-57.
 14. Gonzaga (10-1) beat Kansas State 68-52.
 15. Georgetown (9-1) beat Longwood 89-53; beat Western Carolina 81-68.
 16. Creighton (10-1) beat California 74-64.
 17. New Mexico (11-0) beat New Mexico State 73-58.
 18. San Diego State (8-1) beat San Diego 72-56.
 19. Michigan State (9-2) beat Tuskegee 92-56.
 20. UNLV (8-1) beat La Verne 91-44.
 21. North Carolina (8-2) beat East Carolina 93-87.
 22. Notre Dame (9-1) beat Purdue 81-68.
 23. Wichita State (9-1) lost to Tennessee 69-60.
 24. Oklahoma State (8-1) beat Central Arkansas 91-63.
 25. N.C. State (7-2) beat Norfolk State 84-62.

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► COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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Like most bowl seasons, the time to get excited is around New Year's. This year is no different.

There are plenty of bowl matchups to choose, but not necessarily ones with much intrigue or entertainment value.

College football fans shouldn't be surprised. When one game matters during a bowl season, it comes down mostly to a fan base's passion and the pageantry of select bowls. After that, and until 2014 (the first year of the four-team playoff) is here, the bowl season can be hit or miss.

We here at After The Tailgate try to help out. Let's break down the top 10 most intriguing and entertaining bowl matchups, from 10 to 1:

Here we go:

► NBA

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It was the right basketball play. Knicks forward Steve Novak had just missed a free throw with 9.5 seconds left in Saturday's game against the Cavaliers at Madison Square Garden. The Cavs trailed by two points, 103-101.

Cavs point guard Kyrie Irving was in a zone. He had already scored 17 points in the fourth quarter en route to a career-high 41 in the game.

The Knicks, however, were going to do everything in their power to get the ball out of his hands. Irving was being guarded by future Hall of Fame guard Jason Kidd. Knicks center Tyson Chandler came over to double team Irving beyond the 3-point line.

Irving, 5 of 8 from behind the 3-point arc on the night, could have forced a long-range shot. Instead, he made

► NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	10	3	0	.769	472	274
N.Y. Jets	6	7	0	.462	245	306
Miami	6	8	0	.429	264	279
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	306	402
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	12	2	0	.857	394	280
Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643	309	358
Tennessee	4	9	0	.308	271	386
Jacksonville	2	12	0	.143	219	383
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Baltimore	9	5	0	.643	348	307
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	355	293
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	302	291
Cleveland	5	9	0	.357	280	310
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Denver	11	3	0	.786	409	274
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	299	312
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	263	402
Kansas City	2	12	0	.143	195	367

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	8	6	0	.571	381	350
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	327	338
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571	373	304
Philadelphia	4	10	0	.286	253	375
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Atlanta	12	2	0	.857	371	259
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	389	379
Tampa Bay	6	8	0	.429	354	349
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	296	319
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	10	4	0	.714	344	292
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	319	308
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	321	240
Detroit	4	10	0	.286	330	380
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	9	3	1	.731	316	184
Seattle	9	5	0	.643	350	219
St. Louis	6	7	1	.464	258	315
Arizona	5	9	0	.357	224	302
x-clinched playoff spot						
y-clinched division						

Thursday's Game
Cincinnati 34, Philadelphia 13

Sunday's Games
Green Bay 21, Chicago 13
New Orleans 41, Tampa Bay 0
Minnesota 36, St. Louis 22
Houston 29, Indianapolis 17
Atlanta 34, N.Y. Giants 0
Washington 38, Cleveland 21
Miami 24, Jacksonville 3
Denver 34, Baltimore 17
Carolina 31, San Diego 7
Arizona 38, Detroit 10
Seattle 50, Buffalo 17
Oakland 15, Kansas City 0
Dallas 27, Pittsburgh 24, OT
San Francisco at New England, (n)

Monday's Game
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22
Atlanta at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 23
Tennessee at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
New England at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.

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► STEELERS BOX

Pittsburgh	0	10	7	7	0	—24
Dallas	3	7	7	3	—27	
First Quarter						
Dal_FG Bailey 50, 8:36.						
Second Quarter						
Dal_Witten 17 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 11:02.						
Pit_FG Suisham 32, 6:03.						
Pit_Miller 30 pass from Roethlisberger (Suisham kick), :34.						
Third Quarter						
Dal_Bryant 24 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 6:03.						
Pit_Dwyer 1 run (Suisham kick), 4:16.						
Fourth Quarter						
Pit_A.Brown 7 pass from Roethlisberger (Suisham kick), 12:37.						
Dal_Murray 3 run (Bailey kick), 6:55.						
Overtime						
Dal_FG Bailey 21, 13:36.						
A_95,595.						
	Pit					Dal
First downs	20					23
Total Net Yards	388					415
Rushes-yards	17-69					21-87
Passing	319					328
Punt Returns	3-51					2-38
Kickoff Returns	2-49					1-25
Interceptions Ret.	0-0					1-36
Comp-Att-Int	24-40-1					30-42-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-20					1-13
Punts	6-43.0					6-48.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1					1-1
Penalties-Yards	0-0					8-61
Time of Possession	27:00					34:24

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

I'VE HIRED CRAZY TO HELP ME OUT AT THE KOMIX KORNER.

THAT'S NICE...I'M SURE HE CAN USE THE MONEY.

IT WASN'T ABOUT GREED...

'IT WAS ABOUT NEED.'

I'M SURE YOUR SON WILL LIKE THIS...

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SOUP TO NUTS

MY DAD IS MAKING ME TAKE A SPORT... I WAS THINKING BASKETBALL...

WHAT POSITION?

NOT SURE.

I WAS HOPING FOR "BENCH"...

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CRANKSHAFT

WHAT IF WE GOT LILLIAN A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS?

I SUPPOSE WE COULD...

BUT SHE REALLY LIKES READING THINGS ON HER KINDLING.

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ARLO AND JANIS

OH, BOY!!

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS!

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BLONDIE

TONIGHT ON 'VULETIDE APPRENTICES,' DONALD TRUMP THREATENS TOY SHOP TERMINATION TO AN UNPRODUCTIVE TEAM OF INEPT, UNRULY ELVES!!!

HEE HEE... YOU HAFTA CATCH US FIRST, BOSSMAN!

THEN AT 8... KRIS KRINGLE TACKLES THE TANNENBAUM TREADMILL TO DROP 200 LBS OF UNSIGHTLY FRUITCAKE IN 'BIGGEST NORTH POLE LOSER'!!

HO HO... ARGGH!!

GINME 20 MORE 'CANDY CANE PRESSES,' BIG BOY!

I MISS ANDY WILLIAMS YOU AND ME BOTH!

THEN... A VERY SPECIAL 'SURVIVOR: REINDEER ISLAND' RIGHT AFTER 'AMERICA'S GOT TOYS!'

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BORN LOSER

I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN PUTTING A LOT OF WORK IN ON THE KIMAR REPORT I ASSIGNED TO YOU LAST MONTH!

DON'T WORRY, CHIEF--I DIDN'T FORGET THAT IT'S DUE THIS AFTERNOON, AND I'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT TWENTY-FOUR SEVEN...

EVER SINCE THIS MORNING!

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FOR BETTER OR WORSE

I DIDN'T MEAN TO BREAK THE ANGEL, DADDY! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

I TOLD YOU TO STOP PLAYING WITH IT-- WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST LEAVE IT IN THE BOX?

...YOU JUST NEVER LISTEN!! YOU NEVER DO AS YOU ARE TOLD!!

PLEASE DON'T BE MAD AT ME, DADDY. I'M SAD ENOUGH ALREADY!

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FRANK AND EARNEST

MUSEUM

PETRIFIED FOREST

WHAT IS THE / PETRIFIED FOREST SCARED OF?

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DILBERT

YOUR WORK HISTORY SUGGESTS THAT YOU MIGHT BE A JOB-HOPPER.

OH, REALLY? WELL, I SHOULD HOP ALL OVER YOU FOR SAYING THAT!

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE MORE PASSIVE.

WOW. YOU CANNOT STOP STEREOTYPING.

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GARFIELD

"I CAN WRAP THE PRESENTS," SAID THE KITTEN. "I CAN SING THE CAROLS," SAID THE PUPPY

"AND I CAN TRIM THE TREE," SAID THE MOUSE

THEY LOVE THAT PART

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MUBAL

YANOG

TUMEAT

GEAVOY

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GIL THORPE

I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT JAY-BIRD.

WE NEVER WILL, HONEY.

BUT EVENTUALLY, WE'LL ONLY THINK ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS.

AND NOT THE LEUKEMIA?

AND NOT THE LEUKEMIA.

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HI AND LOIS

IT'S FREEZING IN HERE.

I'M TRYING TO SAVE MONEY ON OUR HEATING BILL.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Calgary Flames org.

4 Tearful request

8 - fi flick

11 Perfume label word

12 Ladd and Shepard

13 Sizzling

14 Winter forecasts

16 Yvette's date

17 Echo

18 Waterloo resident

20 Mouths, in biology

21 Exec

22 Jean-Claude Van -

25 Like some yams

29 Discord goddess

30 How come?

31 Juan's gold

32 Cold mo.

33 Towel word

34 Floor coverings

35 Heavenly

38 Rev. Jackson

39 Caesar's man

40 Miss Piggy's word

41 Toyland visitors

44 Fork over (2 wds.)

48 TV brand

49 Chinese soup (2 wds.)

51 Sighs of distress

52 Four duos

53 Drop

54 Pint-size

55 Monster's loch

56 Language suffix

DOWN

1 Kan. neighbor

2 Robust

3 Tiant or Aparicio

4 Preferred strategy (2 wds.)

5 Shortening

6 Wrap up

7 Give homework

8 "Pygmalion" writer

9 Deep sleep

10 Take

12 Sky blue

15 Moves fast

19 California fort

21 Willie - of baseball

22 - vu

23 Galway Bay islands

24 Porcelain vase

25 In vogue

26 Promises to pay

27 Joule fractions

28 Rx amount

30 Vibrate

34 Rule

36 Eden exile

37 Portuguese port

38 Tournament of yore

40 Styles

41 Forehead

42 Feel pain

43 Pedestal

44 PC screens

45 Half, in combos

46 Depletes

47 Nile god

50 Decorate cupcakes

Answer to Previous Puzzle

PLOP RIP SPAM
LIMA ARI HERE
USER MILDEWED
MANET SOU SAS
RIVETED
ADE BESS EURO
TEXMEX MAGOO
ELIOT BURLAP
NETS NAIL YDS
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TEQUILAS CIAO
ONUS EMS ERIK
PEAS SET DATE

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IF HE'S OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT, WE SHOULD EXCHANGE HIM FOR STOCKINGS FULL OF TASTY SEEDS.

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HOROSCOPE

By HOLIDAY MATHIS
12/17/12

Mercury Opposes Jupiter

The opposition of Mercury and Jupiter highlights differences of opinion, contractual disagreements and alternative viewpoints on singular issues. Most people would agree that there is more than one way to skin a cat, though hardly anyone knows why such a thing would need to happen in the first place.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Self-parenting will be part of your mission. You'll have to do for yourself what another person would've liked to do for you but for whatever reason could not.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be reminded of some of the gracious things various people have said and done for you in the past, and you'll pay it forward in some unique way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Part of your routine is to change your routine. Because you've done it before, you have the right mix of courage, hope and motivation to do it again and again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you're going to argue – and you are – then plan to do it right. Like a lawyer preparing a case, know what you're going to say when the other person says X, Y or Z.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Manners will be important to the outcome of your day. If someone knows good manners but doesn't use them, you will question that person's character and rightly so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Look to the sky with the eyes in your head and the one in your heart, too. If you watch for a message, it will come into your heart in the form of a feeling and travel to your head in the form of an idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be-ware of the need for personal achievement, affection or approval. Though these are completely natural things to need, needing them too much is a sure way to attract exploitive personalities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The very young or the exceptionally ill-mannered need to be taught gratitude, and you're just the one to deliver the lesson. Politely require shows of appreciation. Give examples of what you expect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Acceptance isn't approval. You don't have to like the facts or condone them in order to accept them. Acceptance is basically acknowledging that, like them or not, those facts exist.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't want to be left with all of the work in a relationship, and if you're not careful, it could go in that direction. Set clear boundaries in a warm, concise, firm manner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Homer wrote in "The Iliad," "Whoever obeys the gods, to him they particularly listen." You will perform an act of obedience and earn certain rights and privileges in the process.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't need another person to make you happy, nor do you require your partner to fulfill your expectations and responsibilities. However, it's always nice to see that another person is making an effort to please you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 17). You'll strike new levels of comfort and happiness. Relationships change because you draw boundaries and establish fresh habits. Finances improve over the next 10 weeks. Plan well in January. February features a renovation. March fills you with confidence, and you'll make impressive presentations. Leo and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 25, 48, 2 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 30-year-old female Sagittarius comedian. I want to be in love. I've been told that I make it hard for people to love me because I put up so many walls. I'm not aware that I'm avoiding intimacy, as has been suggested. I think what I'm doing is keeping away potential harm, plus weeding out the men who don't have a good sense of humor. When will I find someone who gets me? P.S.: I have been in love twice before, so I know it's possible."

In love and comedy, timing is everything. Good news: Your timing is impeccable! Venus just entered your sign and will keep stirring up the romantic possibilities through Jan. 8, 2013. During this lucky time, you can give all of the self-analysis a rest. It's a waste of time. Trust that however you are and however you deal with people, it's fine. You have your reasons, and the right person will not be impeded by your walls. Rather, he'll consider them to be an interesting architecture to navigate. Focus on having fun and keeping it light. Be carefree. Put yourself in the line of romance, and let life do the rest.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sagittarian superstar Manny Pacquiao is not only a world champion fighter in the boxing ring, but a champion who fights for his community and the world at large with his politics and philanthropy. Passion is the prevalent feature of Pacquiao's natal chart, with the sun, the moon, Mercury, Jupiter and Neptune all in intense fire signs. Venus and Uranus in Scorpio indicates depth and soul.

A no-win situation



Heloise

Dear Readers: Here is a response to a SOUND OFF about new customers getting the best deals:

"The Huntsville (Ala.) Times ran a letter (in this column – Heloise) where someone complained about companies giving new customers the best deal.

"I almost cried when I saw this letter.

"I am a small-shop owner in Alabama. We had a sale over

the Labor Day weekend – a basic discount for everyone who walked in the door, and a bonus discount on selected merchandise to our newsletter subscribers. The newsletter contained a coupon for them to bring in for their bonus discount. We use this coupon program to thank our repeat customers and newsletter subscribers.

"Wouldn't you know I received a nasty email from someone (a few days prior to your column) who was offended that other customers in the shop were getting a better price than she was (she got the newsletter but couldn't be bothered to read it all the way through)?

"It's an absolutely no-win situation. If we entice new customers, we're not rewarding our regular customers, and if we reward our regular customers, newcomers are insulted. What's a shop owner supposed to do? – **Frustrated Shop Owner in Alabama**"

I'm not sure of a "win-win" solution, except to do the best you can. It's impossible to make everyone happy all of the time. — **Heloise**

FAST FACTS

Dear Readers: Things to do before leaving on a long trip:

- Stop the mail.
- Turn off the ice maker.
- Stop the newspapers.
- Take out the trash.
- Unplug unnecessary appliances, like a toaster oven or a coffee maker.

— **Heloise**

SWITCHING DOG FOOD

Dear Heloise: Do you have any advice on switching my dog over to a new food? — **Lou, via email**

Lou, most dog-food manufacturers and veterinarians recommend that you gradually switch a dog's food. Take at least a week to 10 days to make the switch. For the first few days, mix 3/4 old food and 1/4 new food. Then move to mixing 1/2 and 1/2 for a few days, and so on. If your dog seems to be adjusting well, you can then start feeding only the new food. Be patient, and make the change gradually.

If at any time your dog starts vomiting, having loose bowel movements or acting strange, slow down on switching the food. If problems continue, contact your veterinarian. — **Heloise**

P.S.: Be sure to check with your veterinarian before changing pet food.

Man buying own gifts selling his wife short

DEAR ABBY: Twice in recent years my husband has bought a gift for himself for Christmas, wrapped it, put it under the tree and then opened it on Christmas morning, gleefully exclaiming that it was a great gift and just what he wanted.

The first time he did it, he wrote my name on the gift card as the giver. The second time he didn't bother. When I asked him why, he said it was something he saw in the store and wanted. When I asked why he didn't just ask me to get it, he didn't have an answer.

He has also bought cards for himself for Valentine's Day. On both of them he wrote, "To Larry from 'Hon,'" his pet name for me.

I was flabbergasted and upset and asked him why he would do such a thing. He said he ran across the "perfect card" for him while looking for one for me.

I don't know what to make of his behavior, but it is demeaning and I feel angry for days afterward. He has a habit of comparing my gifts with those from his son or those he bought for himself, and it makes me feel as if mine don't measure up. My husband is 77. What's wrong with him? — **PERPLEXED IN FLORIDA**

DEAR PERPLEXED: It appears you married someone who likes to buy on impulse and is insensitive to how his words and actions affect others. Look on the bright side: He's solved the problem of what to get the man who has everything for you!

However, because this is a recent change in his behavior, consider reporting it to his doctor.

DEAR ABBY: I have received several invitations to parties recently in which I was asked to do part of the work or participate in some of the expenses.

The one that really took the cake was to a party hosted by my boss. She had decided to celebrate her birthday at her house, and when I and my co-workers RSVP'd, we were asked what type of dish we planned to bring. We also discovered that only invited EMPLOYEES were asked to bring food. Her "real friends" weren't asked to bring anything. Needless to say, all but one employee remembered they had a "conflict."

If someone doesn't have the time or money to host a party, there are plenty of inexpensive foods, disposable tableware, etc., that can be used in a pleasant, cost-effective event without burdening – financially or otherwise – invited guests. What matters is getting together to celebrate and socialize and have a good time with friends and family. Abby, your thoughts? — **UN-HAPPY "GUEST" IN MISSOURI**

DEAR "GUEST": I'm glad you asked. I agree with your sentiments. Your boss should be ashamed of herself for trying to use you and the other employees in the guise of having you as guests at her birthday party. How tacky!

DEAR ABBY: I'm attending a wedding in a few months. The bride has requested that all female guests not wear heels because they're a short couple. I don't have any flats that will go with my dress, so I will have to either buy new shoes or "disappoint" the bride.

I've been hearing stories about wedding guests being told what colors to wear. I think brides (and couples) like this are going too far. What do you think? — **PUT OUT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

DEAR PUT OUT: I think that if the bridal couple would like to feel a few inches taller on their big day, and buying a new pair of shoes would stretch your budget, you should consider having an old pair of flats dyed to match your dress, or skip the festivities and send your good wishes.

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MONDAY											DEC. 17	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
(2) (KDKA)	News		CBS	Insider	How I Met/Mother		Broke	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 PG		News	Late Sh.
(3) (WKYC)	News	News	News	Ent	The Voice (N) PG			1600	(01) Take It All PG		News	Jay Leno
(4) (WTAE)	News	ABC	Inside	Ent	Extreme Makeover		Extreme Makeover		Castle PG		News	Nightline
(5) (WEWS)	News	ABC	The List	Let's Ask	Extreme Makeover		Extreme Makeover		Castle PG		News	Nightline
(8) (WJW)	Fox 8 News at 6PM		News	Big Bang	Dragons	Ice Age		'Happiness Is'	News		Big Bang	Seinfeld
(9) (WTOV)	News (N)	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	The Voice (N) PG			1600	(01) Take It All PG		News	Jay Leno
(11) (WPXI)	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	The Voice (N) PG			1600	(01) Take It All PG		News	Jay Leno
(17) (WDLT)	Mary and Joseph: A	Trinity	Potters	Behind	Living	Franklin	Duplantis		Movie: "A Christmas Snow" (2010)			
(19) (WOIO)	News	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	How I Met/Mother		Broke	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 PG		News	Late Sh.
(21) (WFMY)	News	News	Inside	FamFeud	The Voice (N) PG				(01) Take It All PG		News	Jay Leno
(22) (WCWB)	American Fam. Guy	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Friends	Friends	Baggage		Excused	
(23) (WVPX)	Criminal Minds '14	Criminal Minds '14	Criminal Minds '14	Criminal Minds '14	Criminal Minds '14		Criminal Minds '14	Criminal Minds '14	Criminal Minds '14		Criminal Minds '14	
(27) (WKBN)	First	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	How I Met/Mother		Broke	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 PG		First	Late Sh.
(33) (WYTV)	News	ABC	Ent	Insider	Extreme Makeover		Extreme Makeover		Castle PG		News	Nightline
(43) (WUAB)	Insider	Inside	Two Men	Two Men	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	News	Sports		Dish Nat.	Extra (N)
(49) (WEAO)	Sesame	News/Nite	PBS NewsHour (N)	Yoga-Arthritis			Masterpiece Classic	14			Newsline	Business
(53) (WPGH)	Big Bang	Two Men	Big Bang	Two Men	Dragons	Ice Age	'Happiness Is'		Channel 11 News		Seinfeld	30 Rock
(55) (WBNX)	There	Rules	Office	Office	Gossip Girl (Series Finale) (N) '14		Friends	Friends	Rules		Friends	Raymond
(67) (WOAC)	Pastor	History	Health	CBN	TCT	Manna	B. Hinn	Life	J Hagee	Yr Bible	Wom	Sayin
(A&E)	The First 48 '14	Hoarders PG		Hoarders			Hoarders (N) PG		Intervention (N)		(01) Intervention	
(AMC)	Movie: ★★ 'Yours, Mine & Ours' (2005)				Movie: ★★ 'A Christmas Carol' (1984) 'G'				Movie: "A Christmas Carol" 'G'			
(AP)	Monsters Inside Me	Gator Boys	PG	Rattlesnake			Finding Bigfoot PG		Finding Bigfoot		Rattlesnake	
(BET)	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	D'Jang.			Movie: ★★★ 'He Got Game' (1998) Denzel Washington						Apollo Live PG	
(BRAV)	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.			Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
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(ESPN)	SportCtr	Monday Night Countdown (N) (Live)			NFL Football New York Jets at Tennessee Titans (Live)						SportCtr	
(ESPN2)	Nation	SportCtr	Around	Pardon	World/Poker		World/Poker		World/Poker		SportCtr	Football
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Recurrence rare in mononucleosis



Dr. Donohue

DEAR DRS. DONOHUE AND ROACH: I'm a 56-year-old woman in good health. I have been diagnosed with mononucleosis. This is the second time in three years. I also had this at age 19. Can you please clarify this and why I might be prone to have this diagnosis? — **M.M.**

ANSWER: Acute mononucleosis refers to acute infection by the Epstein-Barr virus, one of the viruses in the herpes family. It is an infectious disease, usually spread by saliva, hence the appropriate nickname "the kissing disease." Once mononucleosis has resolved, which can take months, people usually have no further symptoms. Recurrence does happen, but it is rare. Chronic EBV is a rare syndrome. Both chronic and recurrent EBV should lead to suspicion of a defect in the immune system.

I suspect that what is happening is a confusion of EBV acute mononucleosis and "mononucleosislike syndrome." Many diseases can look just like mononucleosis – the symptoms are nonspecific and include fever, swollen lymph nodes, fatigue and sore throat. These other conditions include cytomegalovirus, human herpesvirus 6 (both different herpes viruses), toxoplasmosis and many others. Very often, we never find the exact cause.

It seems much more likely to me that the two "mononucleosis" diagnoses you have had in the past three years are these other conditions that look and feel like EBV. Usually, only sophisticated blood tests – beyond what most doctors

do – can separate recurrent EBV mono from the other conditions that cause mononucleosis-like illnesses.

DEAR DRS. DONOHUE AND ROACH: I'm writing in reference to the antibiotic drug Levaquin. I contracted bronchitis in January 2012 and was treated with this drug, and it gave me tendonitis of my left Achilles' tendon. In July 2012, my tendon ruptured. I've had to wear a boot for three months. Can you explain why this drug is on the market if it can cause a problem like this? Also, can you tell me if this rupture will heal? I have been told it will heal in time by a specialist in joints and tendons. — **J.F.**

ANSWER: Levaquin (levofloxacin), like all drugs like in the quinolone class of antibiotics, may have as a rare side effect a full or partial rupture of the Achilles' tendon. This is a very bad occurrence but is fortunately quite rare, about 12 times in every 100,000 treatment episodes.

For a complete tear, consultation with a surgeon is essential, and should be done immediately. The surgeon can discuss the merits of surgery and conservative treatment. A partial tear usually heals with rest. The risk of tendon rupture is higher in patients over 60.

No drug is perfect, and all have the possibility of side effects. Levofloxacin can be a life-saving drug. The Food and Drug Administration has to balance risks against benefits, and they felt in this case that the benefits outweighed the risks. Levofloxacin is a powerful medication, reserved for serious infections. Most cases of bronchitis are caused by viruses, and get better without antibiotics. Before prescribing an antibiotic, doctors always consider risks and benefits. Having patients understand these risks might reduce unnecessary antibiotic use.

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IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Groundbreaking pollster George Gallup is known for founding the survey organization that tracks the nation's opinion of the president, but he began his career with a more local concern: getting his mother-in-law elected to statewide office.

Ola Babcock Miller was a longshot in the 1932 race for Iowa Secretary of State. No woman had been elected to the office, and neither had a Democrat in 76 years. But Miller had a secret weapon.

Gallup, an advertising executive, conducted an informal poll of voters and learned that highway safety was a top concern, said his granddaughter, Alison Gallup. Miller ran on that issue, won a close race and founded what would become the Iowa State Patrol. The election changed Gallup's life too: It got him hooked on political polling, the field that would make him a household name.

The campaign is recounted in a collection of papers that Gallup's family donated recently to the University of Iowa documenting the life of the father of modern political polling. The more than 200 boxes of papers now being sorted by librarians are expected to be studied by researchers seeking an intimate glimpse into the earliest polling for elections, advertising and Hollywood.

"It shows the trial and error and the birth of the science of survey research. In that sense, for social scientists, it's absolutely significant. It's the foundation of their work," said Alison Gallup, 52, a graphic designer in Tennessee. "He was a true pioneer."

Early surveys, tabulation results and correspondence are part of the collection at the university, where Gallup became interested in public opinion as editor of The Daily Iowan student newspaper and a graduate student who researched newspaper readers' preferences.

Gallup promised to give his papers to the university before he died in 1984, but formal arrangements weren't made. His son, pollster George Gallup Jr., organized the papers while writing an unpublished biography of his father before his own death last year. When Gallup's grandchildren decided to donate the collection, they knew it had to go to Iowa because Gallup had championed the university and considered it the birthplace of his work, Alison Gallup said.

Gallup earned three degrees — a bachelor's, master's and doctorate — at Iowa before moving to New York City to work for an advertising agency in the 1930s. He became a leader in the field of market research and founded the American Institute of Public Opinion in 1935. It later became the Gallup Organization.

He came to prominence after his polling correctly predicted Franklin Delano Roosevelt would defeat Alfred Landon in the 1936 presidential race. Gallup had criticized the most popular poll at the time, the Literary Digest, saying it was skewed to the middle- and upper- classes because it drew names from phone lists, auto registration and rosters of membership clubs, Alison Gallup said. In contrast, Gallup worked to get a representative sample from all classes. He predicted a Roosevelt victory, the Literary Digest predicted a Landon victory, and the nation got a lesson in sampling, his granddaughter said. Gallup continued to work throughout his career on how to ask questions that were not leading and how to design the best sample to obtain the most accurate results. He was driving by the idea that in a democracy, people should have their voice heard, she said.

The Gallup collection includes training manuals for field workers, who then asked questions in-person rather than by phone. Alison Gallup said her grandfather and his team would interview farmers in fields and residents at their homes. Gallup branched out from politics, founding the Audience Research Institute to help Hollywood. The institute asked moviegoers whether they would be more likely to see films with certain titles and measured reactions to screenings. Gallup became close with studio powerhouses, including Walt Disney and Samuel Goldwyn. Alison Gallup said her grandfather helped pick the title of the 1946 award-winning film, "The Best Years of Our Lives," and worked on "Gone with the Wind" and other films. His research influenced everything from casts to release dates. Gallup's legacy lives on through the company he founded. His family sold the Gallup Organization to Selection Research after his death, but it continues to operate worldwide. The Gallup Organization became a lightning rod for criticism this year after its polls showed Republican challenger Mitt Romney leading President Barack Obama until very late in the presidential campaign. Most other pollsters had Obama slightly ahead.

His papers show Gallup faced similar criticism early and often. They include scrapbooks of what Gallup's family called "crank mail," people who complained bitterly about polling results and accused him of trying to shape public opinion, not measure it. Campaign-style posters and buttons declared, "Gallup didn't ask me, either." A dark hour for Gallup came in the 1948 election, when he incorrectly predicted that challenger Thomas Dewey would defeat President Harry Truman. Alison Gallup said that her grandfather stopped polling too early to detect a late shift toward Truman. He learned from the mistake and afterward always polled until the day before the election. She said Gallup's incorrect prediction led to a "Dewey Defeats Truman" headline made famous in a photograph of the victorious Truman holding up the newspaper.

Gallup claimed that a policeman who pulled him over for driving the wrong way soon after the election saw his license and quipped, "Wrong again, Dr. Gallup," his granddaughter recalled. But Gallup survived the humiliation and a congressional investigation and continued his work.

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